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# FEARED INVASION OF FUKIEN COAST

Big Armada Assembling In Formosan Waters

## NANTAO WITHDRAWAL REPORTS

Shanghai, To-day. French sources this morning reported that all Chinese troops in Nantao, together with the Paoantui, had been withdrawn and moved to Lungwha.

Chinese headquarters deny the withdrawal, declaring that a small movement of troops had been misinterpreted. — Our Own Correspondent.

## JAPANESE AMBASSADORS KEEP BUSY

Tokyo, To-day.

It is learned from a London despatch that prior to the departure for Brussels last night of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Secretary of State for the Dominions, he had an hour and a half's talk with Mr. Yoshida, the Japanese Ambassador in London.

In Brussels, Mr. Kurusu, the Japanese Ambassador to Belgium, discussed the Brussels Conference with the principal Italian delegate, the meeting beginning at 6 p.m. and terminating at about 8 p.m. It is understood that the talk was connected with Italy's offer to act as "Attorney" for Japan at the Conference. — Our Own Correspondent.

## JAPANESE SET STRANGE PRECEDENT

Shanghai, 115 p.m., To-day.

The Japanese troops in the front lines near Nanhsiang created a strange precedent this morning in connection with the celebration of the birthday of the famous Emperor Meiji, grandfather of the present Emperor.

A salute of 101 guns was fired to honour the occasion, but the Japanese artillery used live shell and fired the entire salute into Nanhsiang. — Our Own Correspondent.

## SWATOW MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO ATTACK

## AMOY AND FOOCHOW MAIN OBJECTIVES

Shanghai, To-day.

Gathering of an armada of Japanese warships in Formosa, (following the occupation of Quemoy (Kinmen) Island, covering the entrance to Amoy, and the air raid on Foochow earlier this week) is believed in high Chinese military circles here to be the prelude to a large-scale attack on the maritime province of Fukien.

According to reliable sources, there are now more than 40 Japanese warships in Formosan ports, taking on men and supplies, which can only be intended, it is suggested, for the long-threatened invasion of Fukien.

The main objectives of the attack, it is feared, would be Amoy and Foochow, but it is considered probable too that an attempt would also be made to capture Swatow, which has been prominent in anti-Japanese activity.

Chinese military circles here believe that that Japanese contemplate the launching of large-scale attacks within the next few days. Reports from Amoy show that Quemoy Island remains under Japanese control, with one cruiser hovering round to prevent any attack from the mainland. The other warships have joined the armada in Formosa, which is reported to consist of at least 43 ships, including ten large cruisers. — Trans-Ocean.

## NEUTRAL ZONE PLANS REJECTED

Shanghai, 2.25 p.m., To-day.

It is authoritatively learned that following the conference in the U.S.S. Augusta yesterday, with the British, French and American commanders-in-chief, the Japanese naval and military authorities have informed the international conferees that they are compelled "by the circumstances" to reject all the proposals for the creation of neutral zones in the vicinity of Shanghai. — Our Own Correspondent.

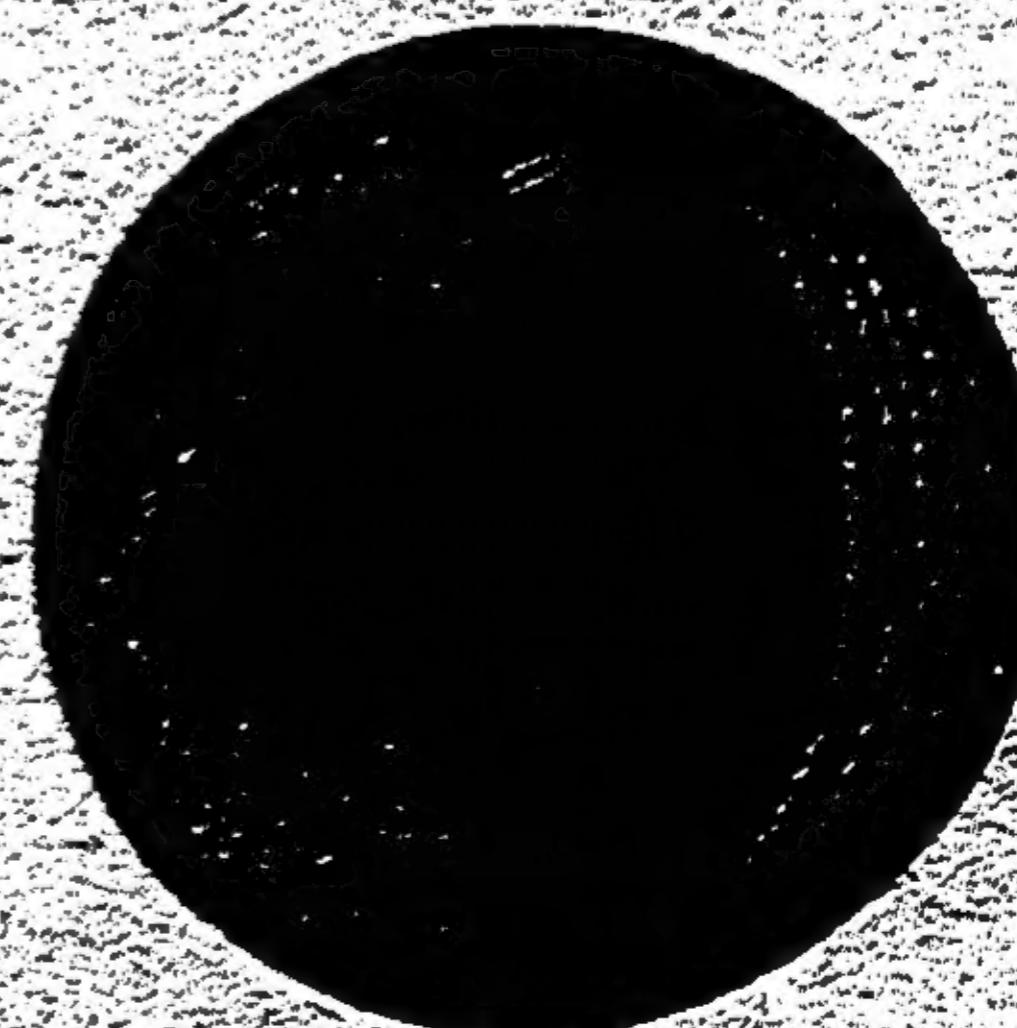
## ASSAULTS ON NANHSIANG RENEWED

Shanghai, 2 p.m., To-day. Renewed Japanese onslaughts in the Nanhsiang sector commenced at ten o'clock this morning, following an intense bombardment.

The Japanese claimed in an official communiqué this afternoon that the Asama Brigade entered the south gate shortly after noon, following a series of assaults, and that street fighting is now going on.

Chinese headquarters deny the breakdown of the defence at the south gate, and declare that the Japanese infantry were repulsed with heavy loss, after close hand-to-hand fighting. — Our Own Correspondent.

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# M. MAISKY GIVES WAY

## To Abstain From Voting On Controversial Issues

### NON-INTERVENTION RESOLUTION TO BE SENT TO COMMITTEE

London, To-day.

The non-intervention sub-committee yesterday agreed to send to the main committee at a meeting to be held at 3.30 on Thursday afternoon the draft resolution considered at the last meeting, with the recommendation that the chairman be authorised to approach the two parties in Spain forthwith.

M. Ivan Maisky (Russia), speaking at yesterday's meeting, said the Soviet had not denounced the non-intervention agreement and consequently considered it to be bound thereby to the same extent as every other co-signatory.

In the light of events in the past fifteen months, however, the Soviet believed the policy of non-intervention to have completely failed.

This conviction was in no way modified by the statement of Count Grandi (Italy) on October 20.

#### TO ABSTAIN

Instead of showing a desire to a speedy settlement on the question of withdrawal of volunteers, the Italian, German and Portuguese representatives used every pretext and created every possible obstacle in order to prevent such a result.

M. Maisky intimated the Soviet would abstain from voting on controversial portions of the British plan.

The Soviet's attitude follows hints that pressure was being brought on M. Maisky by Britain and France to accept the plan or abstain from voting.—Reuter.

### DEVALUATION OF RUPEE OPPOSED

Calcutta, To-day.

The Viceroy of India, Lord Linlithgow, proclaimed himself an opponent of any devaluation of the rupee when in a speech made during a visit to Lahore, he replied to charges brought against the Government of India of injuring the industrial and farming life of the country by maintaining the rupee at a parity of 1/6.

The Viceroy said the Government was far from contemplating any alteration in the market price of the rupee, as it regarded the present rate as being in the best interests of the Indian community.—Trans-Ocean.

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### ULL IN EAST SHANSI

Taiyuanfu, To-day.

Although fighting is continuing on the north-western front, there is a lull in the east, where it is reported large quantities of ammunition and fresh troops are now arriving to reinforce the Japanese.

The Japanese are about 55 miles east of the city and are at present consolidating their positions. Our Own Correspondent

### LIBERAL AMENDMENT REJECTED

London, To-day.

The House of Commons shortly before midnight adopted the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne without a division, after rejecting by 363 to 146, an amendment moved by Sir Archibald Sinclair on behalf of the Liberals, regretting that the Speech did not indicate that the Government were taking adequate steps to provide against a possible diminution of employment.—Reuter.

### LABOUR GAINS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

London, To-day.

The latest position as the result of the elections in London Boroughs yesterday is that Labour with 53 net gains has 732 seats, while the Municipal Reform and other parties with a net loss of 43, hold 505.

London results, so far, denote few changes in the political control of the Councils. The full results of the local elections in the country generally are not yet available—British Wireless.

### TROOPS TO BE SENT TO TRINIDAD

London, To-day.

An announcement made by the Governor of Trinidad says that any adjustment of the Colony's industrial mechanism which may become necessary must be slow and difficult and will be impossible of accomplishment unless the problems are examined in an atmosphere of good-will and quietness.

Experience of recent months leads the Government to apprehend that ill-disposed persons will continue in their attempts to provoke discord and strife.

The Government, for its part, is determined that there shall be no interference with the freedom of employers and employed to arrange their mutual relationships on constitutional lines as they may generally see fit, and as a precautionary measure, to strengthen him in dealing with any threat to law and order, the Governor has asked that a company of regular troops may be despatched to Trinidad. His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have concurred.—British Wireless.

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12.12.20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m.—Ambrose & His Orchestra and Leslie Hutchinson (Piano).  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.15 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra and Webster Booth (Tenor).  
Globe-Trotting With The Tiger (arr. Phil Green).  
"Once Upon A Time"—Selection.  
Land Without Music—Medley (O. Straus).  
Webster Booth with The Lindonel Three.  
Say That You Are Mine (Lockton-Kerrick).  
Ragging The Rags (A selection of early Ragtime Favourites).  
The Whirl Of The Waltz. Orchestra.  
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press. Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Variety. Piano Medley "Sweet Adeline" (Hammerstein 2nd & Kern).  
Remarks.  
Instrumental—Poeme—Waltz (Fibich).  
Delilah—Waltz (Nicholls).  
Gino Bordin & His Hawaiians.  
Vocal—Dis-Moi Josephine?  
Voulez-Vous De La Came A Sucre?... Josephine Baker and Adrien Lamy.  
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Vocal—The Kiss.

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Someone To Care For Me (from "Three Smart Girls").  
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Orchestra—This'll Make You Whistle Selection... Louis Levy & His His Gaumont British Symphony.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7.11 p.m.—European Programme.  
7.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.  
7.35 p.m.—Horowitz (Piano).  
Scherzo No. 4 In E Major, Op. 54 (Chopin).  
Mazurka In E Minor, Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin).  
Träumesswirren, Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann).  
7.50 p.m.—Studio—Mrs. R. Sanger (Soprano) accompanied by Gerald Sydney (Piano). Schumann Songs.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.05 p.m.—Studio—The Waikiki Trio.  
8.25 p.m.—Tchaikowsky.  
Melodie... Gaspar Cassado ('Cello).  
None but the weary heart.  
Maria Ociewska (Contralto).  
Cossack Dance (from "Mazepa").  
Sir Hamilton Harty and Hallé Orchestra.  
Engen Onegin—Waltz.... Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden condit. by Eugene Goossens.  
8.45 p.m.—Light Opera Company.  
Paganini—Vocal Gems (Herbert Lehár).

By ELY CULBERTSON

## Beware The Greeks

If the average American is approached on the street and offered \$5 bills at the bargain rate of \$2.98, he is not apt to make extensive purchases. But put him in a bridge game and he is likely to be an enthusiastic collector of gold bricks. When the opponents are so altruistic as to give declarer entry to an obviously entryless dummy, it is time for declarer to sit up and take notice. Of course opponents are human and make mistakes. But some of these "mistakes" should be viewed with grave suspicion, as in the hand shown below:

South, dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
Both sides 30 part-score.

NORTH

S—K	
H—10 6 5 4	
D—10 7	
C—J 8 6 4 3 2	
WEST	EAST
S—A 8	S—9
H—AK Q J 8 3 2	H—9 7
D—9 4 3	D—A J 8 6 5 2
C—K	C—10 9 7 5

SOUTH

S—Q J 10 7 6 5 4 3 2	
H—None	
D—K Q	
C—A Q	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	2 spades	Pass	3 diam.
Pass	3 hearts	Pass	Pass
3 spades	4 hearts	Pass	Pass
4 spades	5 hearts	Double Pass	
5 spades	Double	Pass	Pass

Obviously, the bidding was "cat and mouse" bidding, South attempting to mask his freak holding from the very start, thereby to obtain the contract as cheaply as possible. Naturally, West refused to sell out until he felt he had reached his own limit.

As the cards lay, South's contract was undefeatable because, since he could not reach dummy

## To-day's Wireless

Light Opera Gems:  
Variety  
Studio Programme

8.40 a.m.—"Film Shots." Scenes and songs from the cinema.  
9 a.m.—"Green Fields and Pavements."  
— A talk by Commander Stephen King-Hall about happenings in country and town in the United Kingdom.  
8.15 a.m.—Close down.  
**TRANSMISSION 2**  
Frequencies  
GSJ 21.53 Mc/s (13.33 m.)  
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSO 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)  
10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The Pianoforte Music of Schubert.  
11.10 a.m.—"Slavonic Studies." A Russian anthology of music and prose.  
11.40 a.m.—Musical Interlude.  
11.45 a.m.—"Natural History From Downing Street."  
12 noon—"Stop Dancing." A programme of very light music.  
12.30 p.m.—Music in the Morning. Light melodies by British composers.  
1 p.m.—"World Affairs." A talk by J. L. Brierly, O.B.E. Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.  
1.15 p.m.—Music by Delibes.  
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.  
1.55 p.m.—Close down.  
**TRANSMISSION 3**  
Frequencies  
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)  
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)  
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s (13.33 m.)  
GSD (from 3.45 p.m.) 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)  
2.15 p.m.—Big Ben. Symphony No. 4 in B flat, Op. 60.  
2.30 p.m.—Pianoforte Interlude.  
3 p.m.—"Palace of Varieties."  
4 p.m.—The News & Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.  
4.20 p.m.—"Matters of Movement." A talk by the Hon. Harold Nicolson, C.M.G., M.P., in a series for listeners in India.  
4.35 p.m.—The Hotel Victoria Orchestra.  
5 p.m.—Close down.  
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On stations DIA 31.33 m., DJB 19.14 m., DJE 16.29 m., DJN 31.45 m., DJQ 19.81 m.  
**NET**  
3 p.m.—News and economic review.  
4.15 p.m.—Concert of light music.  
7.30 p.m.—Evening serenade.  
8 p.m.—News.  
9.15 p.m.—"Soaring the circle of love."  
10.15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

BROADCAST FROM  
DAVENTRY

## TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies  
GSO 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)  
GSD 15.18 Mc/s (19.76 m.)  
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)  
GSB 9.51 Mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.  
7 a.m.—Big Ben. The Swift Serenade Concert Orchestra.  
7.30 a.m.—"World Affairs." A talk by J. L. Brierly, O.B.E. Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.  
7.45 a.m.—Beethoven Symphony No. 4 in B Flat, Op. 60.

12.30 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 8.30 a.m.

Close down.

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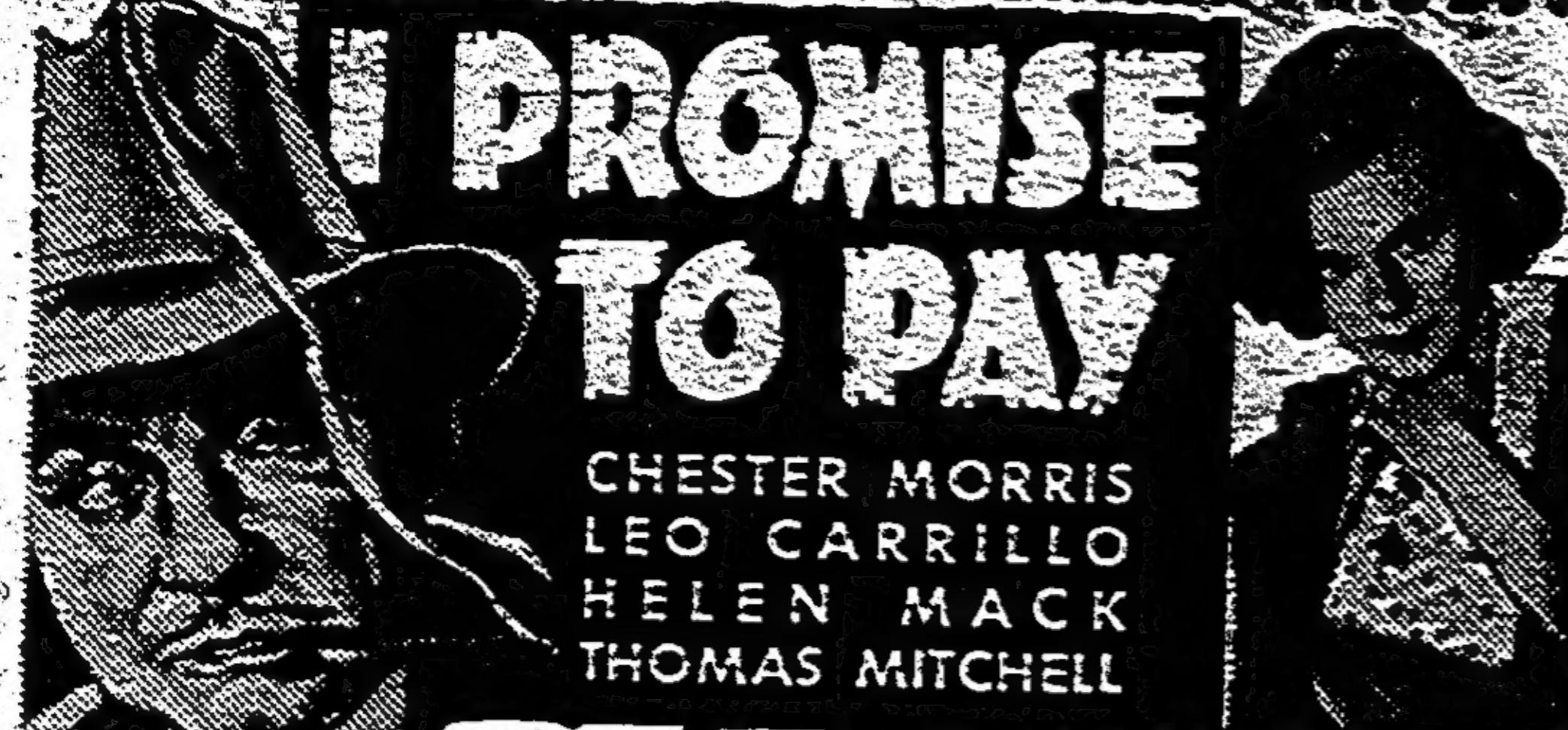
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## C.N.A.C. WINS APPEAL AGAINST ATTACHMENT ORDER

AN APPEAL ASKING THAT AN ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE, ATTACHING AN AEROPLANE BELONGING TO THE CHINA NATIONAL AVIATION CORPORATION, IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED INDEBTEDNESS OF \$66,253.04 BE REVERSED AND RESCINDED WAS GRANTED ON THE APPLICATION OF MR. ELDON POTTER, WHO REPRESENTED THE C.N.A.C. IN A COURT OF APPEAL CASE THIS MORNING BEFORE MR. JUSTICE R. E. LINDSELL AND MR. JUSTICE J. A. FRASER.

Mr. Potter asked that the order of his Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Chief Justice, that the matter of the judgment be referred back to the Court on the application of the C.N.A.C. for the purpose of assessing the amount of compensation payable to the C.N.A.C. and that the Texas Company (China) Limited, be adjudged to pay the C.N.A.C. the costs of and incidental to the application for attachment and of the appeal. All the application were granted.

The Texas Company (China) Limited was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Jr.

### MR. POTTER'S CASE

In support of his case, Mr. Potter pointed out that not a cent's worth of the goods on which the claim was based was supplied in the Colony. The plane was about to proceed to Hankow which was the proper venue for the dispute and action.

The local office had no authority to pay debts which only concerned the head office in Hankow. The branch in the Colony was here only to book passengers and arrange for mails and to collect the fares.

The oil supplied to the appellants, on which the claim was based, was supplied in Tientsin, Tsingtao and Shanghai. The only motive, continued Counsel, in bringing the action was to attach the plane.

### NO ULTERIOR OBJECT

Mr. Potter pointed out that the impending departure of the plane from Hong Kong was advertised, thus confirming the fact that there was no intention by the Company to defeat or delay a judgment. Besides, Counsel's clients were not aware of the action and did not know of the existence of such an action when the plane was advertised to depart.

Referring to the affidavits sworn by Mr. J. C. Williams, General Manager of the Texas Company, and Mr. Flynn, Mr. Potter pointed out that the law required proof in support of allegations made of intention of defeating judgment. There was no proof in support.

### NO ALLEGATION

Mr. Flynn's affidavit stated that he had reason to believe that the plane might not return to Hong Kong owing to the hostilities between the Chinese and the Japanese. There was, however, no allegation that the purpose of the departure of the plane was to defeat judgment.

The whole argument, in other words, was, added Counsel, that the plane was leaving and was not likely to return to the Colony. As the Company had no other property here the plane must be attached.

At this juncture, Mr. D'Almada stated that he entirely agreed with appellant's counsel that the Chief Justice's decision was based on law and not on the facts, as cases of such a kind are usual. However, the intention was inferred from certain facts.

### ENTIRELY WRONG

Mr. Potter suggested that the Chief Justice's line of thought was that as the Company had no other property besides the plane in the Colony, in order to prevent defeat or delay of judgment, the plane must be attached according to law.

This concluded Counsel, was entirely wrong and not according to law.

Everything appeared to have been prepared to attach the plane, concluded counsel. At 2.15 p.m., the Company was served with a notice that legal steps would be taken if the money was not paid at the respondents' office in cash at 3 p.m. and at 4 p.m. the plane was attached.

Mr. D'Almada requested a short adjournment to consult his clients. On returning, Counsel stated that he felt that he could not support the Chief Justice's findings. The procedure was, however, the only way by which the respondents could obtain their money.

The appeal was allowed, with costs.

## NEW TAXES FOR DEFENCE

The Hague, To-day. In view of the rising defence costs, the Netherlands Government is seeking sanction for new taxes, including an increase in taxes on incomes, dividends and interest. — Reuter.

## Memorial To Gen. Von Seeckt

Berlin, To-day. A memorial to the late General von Seeckt, founder of the new German post-War armies, erected by the Government, was unveiled in the Valden Cemetery yesterday by the commander-in-chief of the army, General von Lützow. — Trans-Ocean.

## REBEL PLANE ATROCITY

Madrid, To-day. According to a communiqué issued by the Ministry of Defence, 120 were killed, including 50 children, at Lerida, when Nationalist planes raked people in the streets with machine gun fire. — Reuter.

## Forafric Refloated

The Williamson s.s. Forafric, which went ashore on the Paracel Reef on Saturday night, was refloated at 6 p.m. last night, according to a report from the Henry Keswick.

## REARMAMENT NOT YET AT PEAK OF EXPENDITURE: BRITISH SLUMP "TALK"

London, To-day.

Slump talk was deprecated by Government spokesmen during the debate on the Liberal Amendment to the Address in the Commons last night.

Major Gwylyn Lloyd George stressed the importance of freeing international trade, securing an Anglo-American commercial agreement, and preparing in advance for a recession in trade activity—the three leading points of the Amendment.

Replies for the Government, the President of the Board of Trade said that not only did the general statistics of the country's economic position fail to indicate any imminence of a slump but a more detailed analysis of the prospects of individual industries also gave no such sign.

In most industries there was no check or abatement in activity apparent. Iron and steel and engineering remained active at a high level. In trades such as motor production and many other industries, goods were still going into consumption as rapidly as ever.

### SLIGHT SETBACK

It was, of course, true that there were a few industries in which conditions were not so favourable as they appeared in the Spring, but the interesting fact to note was that if you analysed those industries and the reason for the slight setback they were experiencing, it would be found that no common underlying factor existed such as would point to some general economic depression.

### REARMAMENT

In warning the House against an exaggeration of the effect of rearmament upon industry, Mr. Oliver Stanley observed that in so far as rearmament had had an effect upon production, it should be remembered that they had not yet reached the peak of expenditure nor therefore the climax of whatever influence it might have on industry.

Regarding international trade, the Minister said that provided there was no worsening of the international situation, he saw no reason to anticipate any serious reduction in the existing level of world trade and if there was, as they all hoped, a substantial relaxation in international tension, they might look for a further and sharp expansion in British exports.

### WALL ST. POLITICS

He believed that "slump talk" at the present time was due to falls on Wall Street which were very different from those of 1929. This time they were largely political, due to some extent to differences between Wall Street and the American Administration which were no concern of others, and to some extent to the fear, perhaps exaggerated, of international complications.

### FREEING FOREIGN TRADE

He agreed that the freeing of foreign trade transcended in importance any other possible action that could be taken for the avoidance of a new economic depression. It was, for that reason, the declared policy of the British Government to play

## MAHATMA GANDHI BETTER

Calcutta, To-day.

The Mahatma Gandhi is considerably better but needs rest and constant attendance.

His proposed visit to the Governor of Bengal has been postponed indefinitely.—Reuter.

their part in any effort to reduce economic barriers. In saying that, it was only fair to make plain that the Government was not prepared put itself in the dock on the question of tariff policy. That was very far from the case.

It was agreed in the Joint Currency Declaration of last year and at the League recently that the real, and by far the most serious, obstacles to international trade were not tariffs, which however high, could be surmounted, but currency restrictions and quotas. Great Britain had no currency controls and no quotas on the import of industrial goods.

### TARIFFS TO CONTINUE

Therefore though anxious to co-operate in lowering the barriers there could be no question of the Government's abandoning the tariff system adopted five years ago, which the circumstances made inevitable, and which had been amply justified.

Mr. Stanley went on to say that he believed great benefit would come from a trading agreement between Britain and the United States. The Government intended to see that that agreement, if made, would be fair to both sides and would really lead to an increase of trade between the two countries.—British Wireless.

## HIGHER PAY FOR SOVIET WORKERS

Moscow, To-day.

An increase of wages and salaries has been decided upon by the Union Council of People's Commissioners, to date from November 1, for all workers in factories, railways and shipping concerns whose remuneration has been hitherto below a certain level.

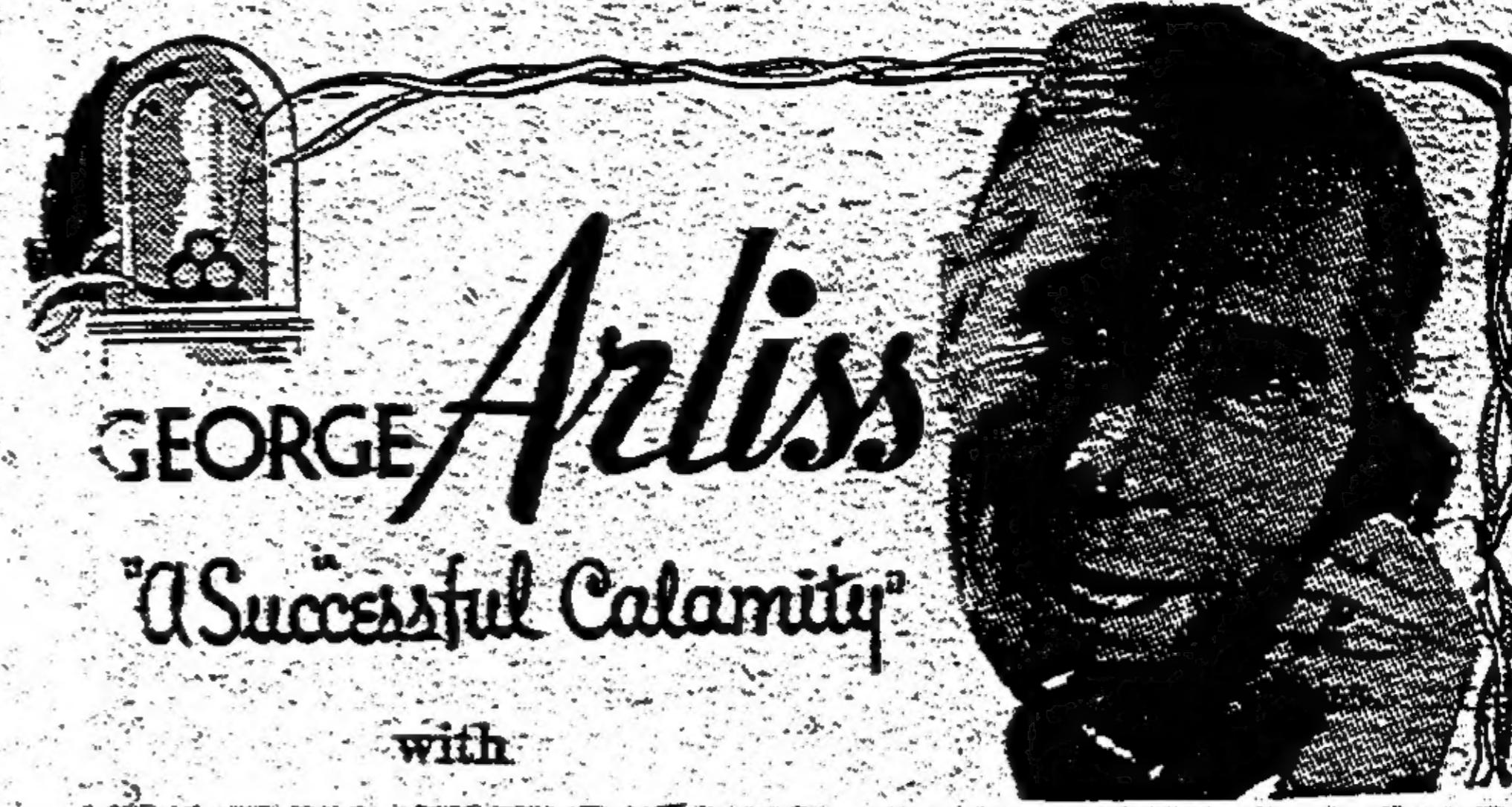
It is officially stated that the increase will entail an additional expenditure of approximately 50,000,000 roubles a month.—Trans-Ocean.

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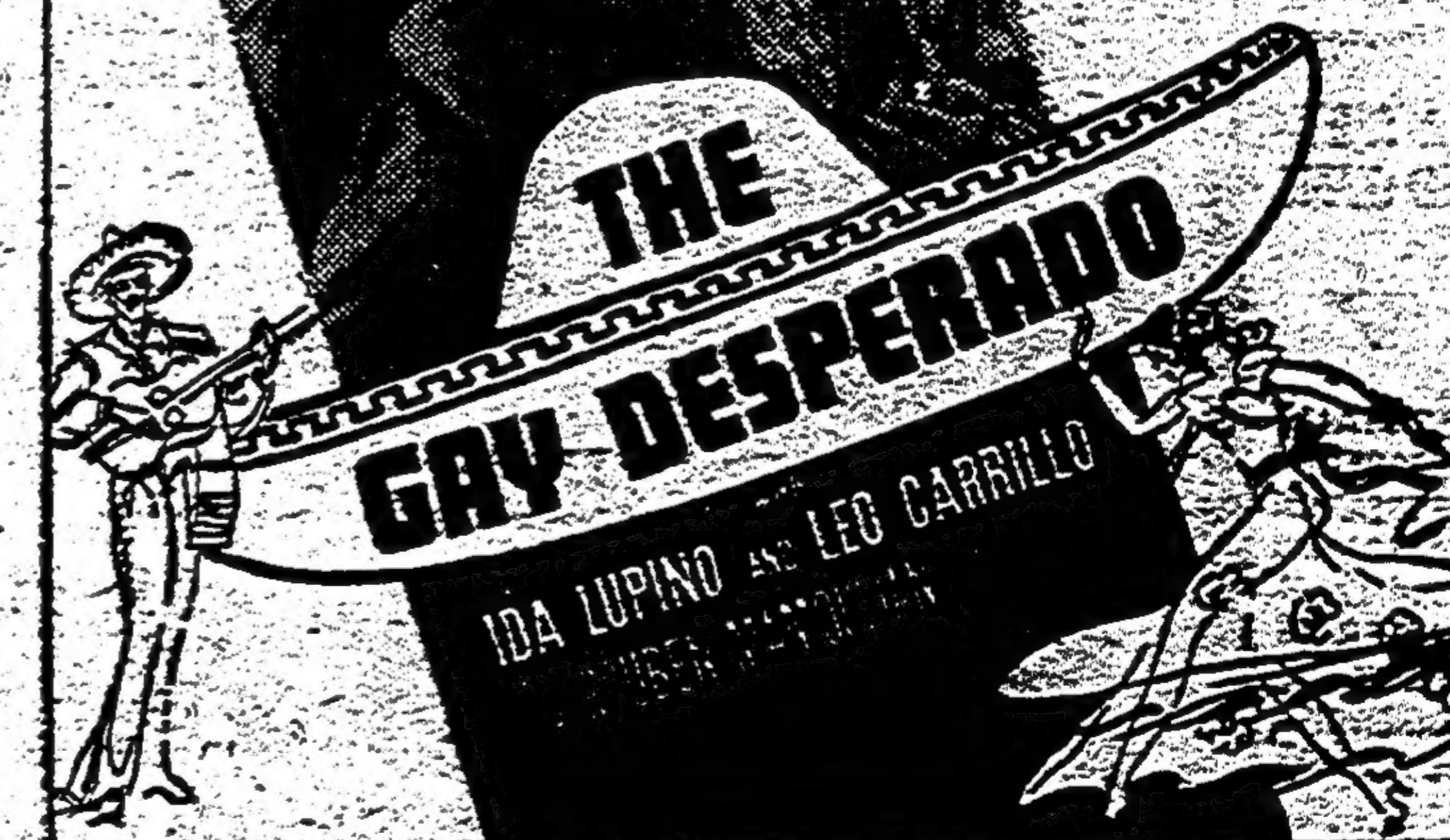
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## QUEMOY ISLAND OCCUPATION

Canton, To-day.

Reports from Amoy state that most of the Japanese warships have now left the vicinity of Quemoy Island, there remaining outside Amoy only one cruiser.

Japanese bluejackets are still on the island.—Our Own Correspondent.

## DEATH OF WAR CORRESPONDENT

London, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of Mr. C. E. Hands, the well-known war correspondent.

Mr. Hands was war correspondent for the "Daily Mail" in Cuba with the United States army, in South Africa during the Transvaal War, and with the Russian forces in Manchuria.—Reuter.

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**WOMAN COPIES  
POEM BEFORE  
SUICIDE**

**Thought Of Unknown**

Before leaping to death from her bedroom window Miss Barbara Scott Kirkwood, 59, of Creighton Avenue, E., copied a poem, headed "Wander-thirst," on a piece of notepaper.

Found in a book among her belongings, it was produced at the East Ham inquest. The coroner, Dr. P. B. Skeek, read the last verse, which was:

"And come I may, but go I must, Crawley," said Miss Kirkwood, im-

And if men ask you why,  
You may put the blame on the  
stars and sun,  
And the white road and the  
sky."

Recording a verdict of suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed, the coroner said that Miss Kirkwood had probably been thinking of taking her life during the previous week.

"I believe that this piece of poetry was copied in anticipation of suicide," he said. "It means that she was thinking of the future and of the Great Unknown."

A brother-in-law, Leonard Thomas

## ITALY'S SHARP REPLY TO MR. ANTHONY EDEN

Rome, To-day.

A bitter reply to Mr. Anthony Eden's speech on Colonies is made in an official communiqué.

The communiqué says that while Britain and France divided the German Colonial empire, Italy obtained derisive compensation.

### REVOLT REPORTS DENIED

Jerusalem, To-day.

Official quarters here categorically deny reports of a revolt against Emir Abdullah of Trans-Jordan.—Reuters.

She got from Britain 91,000 kilometres of territory of uncertain value in Jubaland and got from France 114,000 kilometres of genuine sand, for which she gave the counterpart in Italian rights in Tunisia.

"All this after a solemn colonial undertaking in the Pact of London when Britain and France desired Italian intervention in the War."

"Mr. Eden's arguments have no value."

"Italy may freely express disinterested judgment on the just colonial aspirations of Germany, because Italy took nothing from Germany."—Reuters.

### MR. EDEN'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH PRAISED

London, To-day.

The speech on British policy by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons on Tuesday, is fully endorsed by the London newspapers.

"Mr. Eden," says the "Daily Telegraph," "once and for all refuted the charge that the National Government has no clearly defined line of policy and is merely drifting aimlessly in any direction determined by events."

"Without committing any indiscretion, the Foreign Secretary has left no doubt as to Britain's intentions and moreover made it clear that his remarks were addressed to those quarters which hitherto had failed, or did not wish to understand, those intentions."

#### ESSENCE OF SPEECH

"The essence of the speech may be summed up in the statement that Britain, though willing to co-operate with all Powers, will refuse to submit to any pressure."—Trans-Ocean.

### ARAB CRITICISM OF BALFOUR DECLARATION

Jerusalem, To-day.

The forthcoming appointment of the Iraqi Foreign Minister, Nuri Pasha, as Minister in London, is reported with satisfaction by the Arab press.

On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, the papers again stress the justice of Arab demands.

One paper calls the Declaration an "abortion born of Britain's difficulties during the Great War and as the source of all the misery in Palestine today."

"Lord Balfour is long since dead but his work survives and continues to poison Britain's relations with the Arab and Islamic world."—Trans-Ocean.

### Naval Advisers For Spanish Fleet

Paris, To-day.

Reorganization of the Spanish Government fleet is about to be set in hand, declare press reports.

It is stated that a number of foreign naval advisers have arrived at Cartagena to undertake the work.—Trans-Ocean.

# STRUGGLING TO KEEP PRECARIOUS HOLD

Chinese Attack Japanese Positions All Night

## HEAVY RAIN RESTRICTS SOOCHOW CREEK BATTLE

### NEW NANHSIANG OFFENSIVE PENDING

Shanghai, To-day.

War operations on the Soochow Creek front are almost completely at a standstill owing to the heavy rain, which is holding up the drive of the Japanese forces.

Main task of the Japanese troops at present is to maintain the precarious foothold which they have gained on the south bank of the Creek in the past two days.

All night isolated parties of Japanese soldiers, numbering between 100 and 200 each, were kept busy warding off Chinese attacks and encircling movements.

Meanwhile, the Japanese are reported to be rapidly completing preparations to launch a frontal attack on Nanziang.—Reuter.

#### NANHSIANG BATTLE

The Chinese claim that the Japanese have made no progress in their bid for Nanhsiang. It is denied that Little Nanhsiang, has fallen. Kwangfu, also remains in the Chinese hands. The Japanese have been launching infantry attacks since yesterday afternoon without success.

Early this morning the Japanese warships were again subjected to have shelling from the camouflaged Chinese artillery on Pootung.

Fighting is continuing across the Soochow Creek.

#### TOYODA MILL

The Chinese still persist that the Toyoda Cotton Mill is still in their hands, in spite of Japanese reports that they have captured the mill.

Chinese military officials state that the Japanese lost over 1,000 troops in the course of attacking Little Nanhsiang yesterday. — Our Own Correspondent.

#### CHINESE SUCCESS

Shanghai, To-day.

It is officially claimed that as the result of the fighting during the night, all Japanese troops have been driven from the south bank of the Soochow Creek except in the vicinity of Wuchiacho, where several hundreds are still holding out.—Hua Nan.

#### NANTAO RUMOUR

Shanghai, To-day.

Considerable interest has been aroused by reports that large numbers of Chinese troops are evacuating Nantao in a westerly direction.

If true, it means that the French Concession, where the large part of Shanghai's population is now concentrated, will be spared the dangers of stray shells

which the northern and eastern districts have already experienced and the western area is now experiencing.

The Japanese ascribe the reported withdrawal to fear of being cut off by Japanese troops advancing south from Jessfield.

Chinese circles, however, stoutly deny any withdrawal.

#### POOTUNG LANDING TO BE TRIED AGAIN

Meanwhile a fleet of sampans has been brought up river by the Japanese, and it is learnt that a larger number is further down river.

Built with flaring landing bows and equipped with grappling irons, it is believed these may have been brought up the Whangpoo for landing troops in Pootung.—Reuter.

#### DR. KUNG WARNS AGAINST HOPEI NOTES

Shanghai, To-day.

The Minister of Finance, Dr. H. H. Kung has warned local Chinese authorities in the northern provinces of Honan, Shantung, Shanghai, Shansi, Kansu, Ninghsia and Chunghai, not to accept banknotes issued by the Hopei Provincial Bank.

The Finance Ministry, it is declared, is anxious to prevent circulation of notes issued by the bank, an institute located in territory controlled by Japan, and therefore considered it necessary to warn local authorities in North China that the note can no longer be accepted as legal tender.—Trans-Ocean.

## COSTLY VENTURE NEAR COLLAPSE

Shanghai, To-day.

Although the Japanese continue to claim that strong Japanese forces are well established on the south bank of Soochow Creek, foreign observers testify that the Chinese defence has proved superior so far and that only scattered parties of Japanese have crossed the Creek.

Wuchiacho is the only point where the Japanese seem to be on top, and even here they are unable to advance any further but are merely holding on.

The Japanese are reported to have barricaded themselves in a building.

#### BATTERY SHELLING

A Japanese battery of four guns near St. John's University, only a few hundred metres from the northern bank of the Creek, is shelling the Chinese lines along the railway track.

Fighting of a skirmishing nature has also been resumed north of Shanghai.

In the Lofien-Liuho sector the Japanese are becoming increasingly active. They have been reinforced heavily by tanks and armoured cars and a large attack can be expected here soon.—Trans-Ocean.

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## PRINCE KONOYE HAS AUDIENCE OF EMPEROR

Tokyo, To-day. Italian adhesion to the Germano-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact is believed to lie behind an audience granted by the Emperor to the Premier, Prince Konoye, and the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, yesterday.

The audience is referred to in official circles as an "important diplomatic affair."

A Rome message confirms that Italian participation in the Pact will be signed by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, Mr. Hotta, the Japanese Ambassador, and Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Ambassador in London.

In Berlin says a message from the German capital, official circles maintain complete silence on the question, while the German press refrains from publishing reports in this connection.—Trans-Ocean.

## FOREIGN SHIPS & BRITISH FLAG

London, To-day. Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, said that for the first nine months of this year, 200 foreign ships had bought the right to fly the British flag, and had been registered in Britain.

Another 51 ships had been provisionally registered.—Trans-Ocean.

## THE WORLD GOES BY By "ULYSSES"

FISH travel enormous distances, says a scientist. Goldfish are persistent globe-trotters.

The Scots are a secret people, says an historian. To this day, not one of them has given a definite ruling as to whether the haggis is flora or fauna.

According to contemporary, women are now buying their dresses on the instalment plan. Some of them have already been seen wearing the first instalment.

Describing the world of 1930, a scientist says that one will merely step on the first thing one sees, press a button and glide away. But if the first thing is a banana skin, there will be no need to press the button.

Black Faced Interlude, by "In Parenthesis" of the "North China Daily News".

Old man Whangpoo,  
Dat ole man Whangpoo,  
He mus' do somey'n,  
But can't do nuthin,  
But keep on rollin', jus' keep on rollin' along.

You an' me, we sit and strain,  
Listenin' to bombs come droppin' again.

One bursts here, another bursts there,  
An' shrapnel falls jus' everywhere.  
We are weary and sick of fightin'  
An' watchin' planes go gazin' fightin'.  
While ole man Whangpoo,  
He keeps on rollin' along.

There ain't no tradin'.  
Wiv bills of ladin'.  
We can't do nuthin',  
But must do somey'n,  
To keep on carryin', yes, keep on carryin' on.

You an' me, we're all at sea  
Some of us already in the con-  
sommee.  
A sad face here, another one there,  
Unhappiness permeates the air.  
If only Izzie, would jus' get busy,  
An' cease from makin' our heads  
so dizzy.  
Then we, like Whangpoo,  
Could go on carryin' on.

### A Newspaper Story

Once upon a time there was a correspondent who went East for his paper. This usually means that two others went West to pay the expenses of the one sent East. But this East was China, not Clerkenwell. And he was given much money and carte blanche. Because when a London foreign editor sends a man far, he always gives him carte blanche, because no foreign editors have ever been farther than Port and Bill, and do not know what carte blanche means anyway, but it sounds grand! This man, we will not say correspondent, returned from the East. He also returned £200 of his carte blanche, which he had not spent. I will repeat that which he had not spent.

Moral. Case of putting the ass before the carte blanche.

## 500,000 Refugees Now In Sinza District Of Shanghai

Thousands of Chapei refugees are still squatting in the Sinza district between Yu Ya Ching and Markham Roads, hoping against hope that the hostilities will cease suddenly and that they will be able to return to their peaceful occupations and homes. Day after day these families, with destitution hiding its barrenness just around the corner, sustain themselves on copper-fodder in their alleyway and back-yard abodes—not exactly destitute but with the gap between their state and abject poverty small enough to make no difference.

Neither police officials nor sati-  
cians can possibly hope to est-  
ablish their number in this district.  
Ten to 12 families live in a single-  
storied house, eating and sleeping  
almost in sandwich formation.  
Others wander over the city during  
the day, and at night return to  
some sheltering alcove in an alley  
or courtyard, shivering themselves  
to sleep in the open, protecting  
themselves against the cold with  
newspapers, rags or straw matting.

### SINZA HOUSES 500,000

The Sinza district alone, it is ventured, now houses more than half a million people, nearly one-third of them refugees from Chapei. Only a small portion of them were far-sighted enough to expect a prolonged conflict in the

Chapei area. Others, assuring themselves by the sudden cessation of hostilities in 1932, stayed on in the belief that six weeks or two months would see the end of the hostilities.

Now, with the undeclared war more than nine weeks old, the refugees have taken on a fatalistic attitude. They had waited so long—surely it would be foolish to pack up and leave now.

These homeless hordes are likely to add to the city's refugee problem in the near future. A great number have more or less com-  
mandeered such houses as they

could in most cases, and realising of the hostilities. Realty companies and landlords, not wishing to turn these people out into the cold in most cases, and realising the difficulty in dealing with such a great number through the police, have more or less waved a resigning hand at the affair. Furthermore, such houses as were freed of their non-paying guests were occupied by others of the semi-destitute category almost immediately and before the landlord's back was turned.

**FEW EVACUATING NOW**  
With Japanese planes and artillery bombing and shelling all points around Shanghai, few care to evacuate the safety of the Settlement at present. At the rate these refugees are evacuating at present, it is roughly estimated that it would take more than three years before the Sinza district alone was free of them.

## BRITISH TRADE PACT WITH REBELS?

London, To-day. Negotiations for a commercial treaty between Britain and General Franco are said to have been concluded, learns the "Evening Standard."

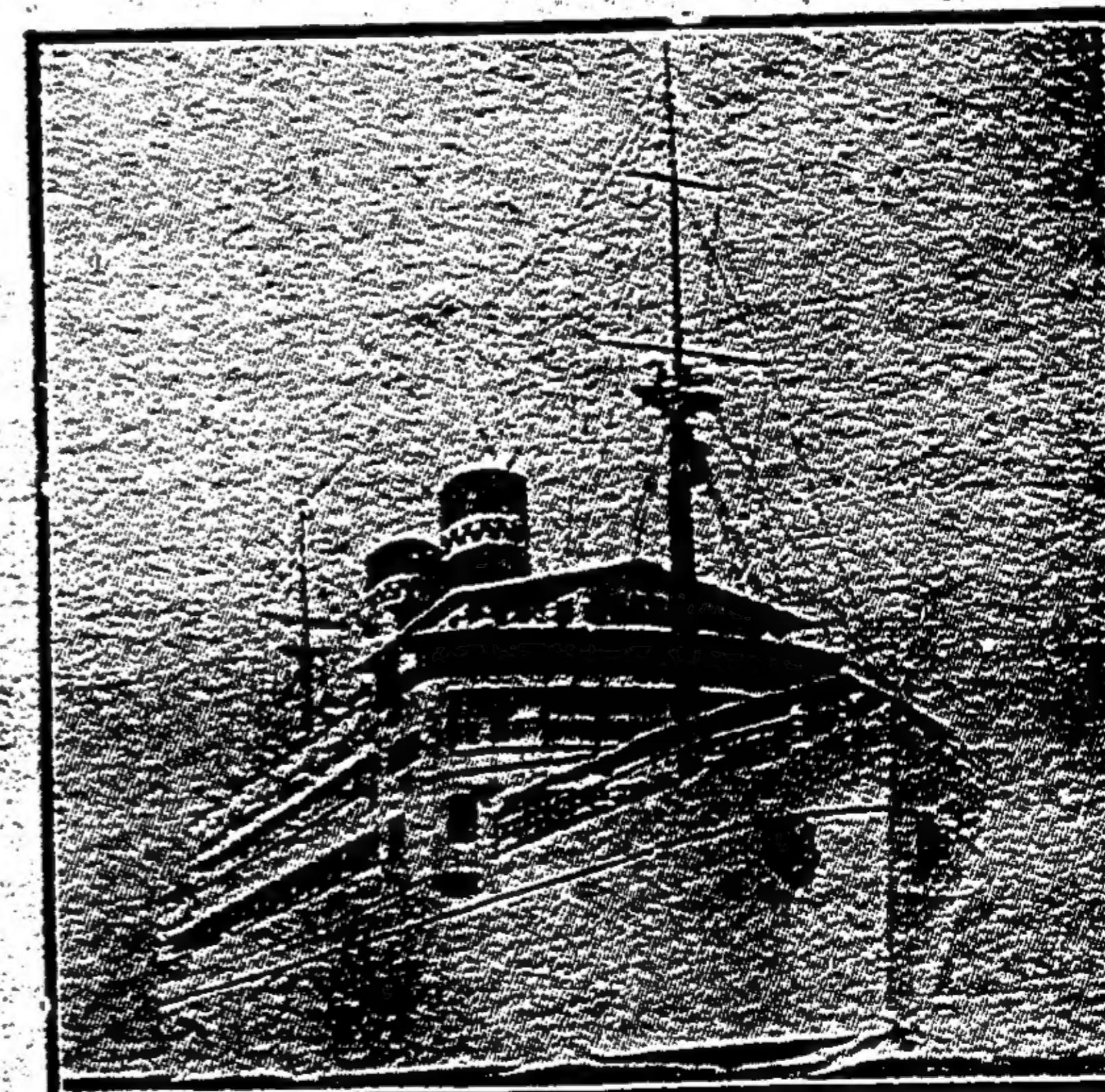
Date when the treaty will become effective has not yet been settled.

According to the paper, the treaty does not include de jure recognition of the Spanish Nationalists, but entitles General Franco to establish consulates in British ports, while at the same time, the British consulates at Salamanca, Santander and Cadiz will be re-opened.—Trans-Ocean.

This area presents an awe-inspiring sight at dusk. Refugees wander around aimlessly six or seven-deep. Street hawkers, selling everything from three-copper basted cakes to delicacies, screamingly advertise their specialties to the more substantial-looking of the passers-by and getting but poor returns.

The police are doing everything they can to preserve order, clearing alleys, yards and vacant lots nightly. The problem, however, is too large even for the efficient Settlement force. There is no place to accommodate all the vagrants even if they should be arrested, and the problem must, more or less, be left untackled for the present. It is hoped to accelerate the evacuation of the refugees as soon as possible, but the time when homeless multitudes fades away into the horizon of the far-away future at present.

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# LONDON PAPERS PREDICT GERMAN ACTION ON COLONIES

With Italian And Japanese Support Of Demands

## OFFICIAL BERLIN SILENT

Berlin, To-day.

Although no official statement is as yet forthcoming in Berlin concerning predictions made by the London newspapers regarding future developments in the question of Germany's colonial claims, articles on the subject in the "Daily Telegraph" and "Daily Herald" are none the less attracting much attention in German political circles.

**BOTH LONDON PAPERS STATE THAT THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO AFFIRM THAT IMPORTANT STEPS WILL SHORTLY BE TAKEN IN THE MATTER BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT.**

According to the "Daily Telegraph," Herr Hitler will summon a meeting of the Reichstag, at which he will declare that Germany no longer recognises the principle of colonial mandates.

### JAPAN'S SUPPORT!

The "Daily Herald" says that Italy and Japan, for their part, will in their capacity as former allied and associated Powers, support the demand for revision of those articles of the Versailles Treaty dealing with colonies, in the hope that Britain and France would thereby be deprived of legal claims to retain their mandates.

The paper states that the German Ambassador in London, Herr von Ribbentrop, will be appointed Reich Colonial Minister, and will be entrusted with the task of conducting further negotiations.

### GERMAN COMMENT

Although no official German comment is made, political circles believe that it is unlikely that the Reichstag would be convened for the purpose of a statement by Herr Hitler on the subject.—Trans-Ocean.

## 100 YEARS OLD AND STILL IN ACTIVE SERVICE

Berlin, To-day.

Germany's oldest innkeeper, Johannes Koenig, of Laufen, in Wuertemberg, celebrated his hundredth birthday yesterday "still in active service."

Koenig can be seen at any time behind the bar, serving his customers with the agility of a man of 50.

Favourite pastime of regular customers of the inn is to induce the old man to reminisce and to give the "inside story" of events that took place 80 or 90 years ago.

### "MERE YOUNGSTER"

Only a few weeks ago, burglars broke into the inn at night but were put to flight by Koenig and his brother, a mere youngster of 94.

Koenig attributes his long life to moderation in all things, content with his lot and a keen sense of humour.

Greatest enemy to human welfare, he says, is worry, which he claims to have always kept at a distance.—Trans-Ocean.

## DANZIG NAZI ADHERENCE PREDICTED

Danzig, To-day.

Various important measures to be taken shortly in the Free City of Danzig have been announced by the Nazi regional leader, Albert Forster.

The measures, inter alia, consist of an amnesty for political offences and a law dealing with the organisation of education of youth.

A decree prohibiting the forming of new political organisations is also in preparation.

Herr Forster yesterday declared that the time would come when the flag of the Third Reich would be the flag of the Free City.

This statement is interpreted by the semi-official paper "Danziger Vorposten" as meaning that the "Swatika flag will fly over Danzig Vorposten" as meaning that the as the second German State to adopt it as a symbol.

It is believed that the Reich flag will form the basis of the new Free City flag but that the latter will display the city's historic coat of arms as a sign of Danzig's autonomy.—Trans-Ocean.

## TEL AVIV BADLY DAMAGED BY FLOODS

Jerusalem, To-day.

Tel Aviv, the model Jewish settlement, suffered badly as the result of the disastrous floods over the week-end.

The suburbs are inundated and considerable damage to property done.

Reports from Syria state that typhus has broken out there following floods north of Damascus.—Trans-Ocean.

## RECRUITING

London, To-day.

The intake of recruits in the London area for the Regular Army last week was double that in the corresponding week of last year.—British Wireless.

## CAUTIONS FOR REFUGEES IN MUI TSAI CASES

## HAILE SELASSIE FAILS IN SUIT AGAINST ITALY

Paris, To-day.

After many weeks of brilliant oratory by leading French lawyers, an anti-climax was provided yesterday to the case in which Haile Selassie is suing Italy for recovery

of dividends from the Addis Ababa-Djibouti Railway.

The court, after listening to the arguments of the lawyers of both sides for several weeks past, retired yesterday and after many hours deliberation, declared itself incompetent to deliver judgment.

As grounds for the decision, the court explains that a decision on the question of paying blocked dividends would mean also a decision on the question of property rights of foreign shares in which principles of international public and private law are involved.

This would exceed the competency of the court.—Trans-Ocean.

## PASSING OF ONE OF H.K.'S OLDEST RESIDENTS

and Company.

Mrs Shewan, who was at one time the proprietress of "Fairall", milliners and ladies' outfitters, was admitted to hospital only two days ago and passed away this morning shortly after ten o'clock.

She resided at No. 1, North View Bungalow, North Point, and had lived in the Colony for well over 40 years.

The funeral is being held tomorrow and will pass the monument at 5 o'clock.



A little learning is a dangerous thing;  
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian Spring.  
There, shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,  
And drinking largely, sobers us again.

(Alexander Pope, *Essay on Criticism*).

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## BRITAIN'S FOREIGN POLICY

Mr. Anthony Eden, replying to the debate on the Address in Reply to the King's Speech, made another important declaration on foreign policy, his fifth within a fortnight. In some ways the speech showed a marked advance on previous ones. The tone was more determined and he made many plain statements, one addressed to Italy directly and others obviously intended for the attention of Japan and Italy combined. He gave warning that Britain would not be moved by truculence and in an admirable summary of the foundations of British policy laid it down that Britain, offering co-operation to all, would accept dictation from none. There was an air of realism about his summary of the working of non-intervention that offered scant scope for attack from the opposition benches, and his reply to Signor Mussolini's proclaimed support of Germany's colonial claims was none the less effective because it found the weakest joint in the Duce's armour.

Mr. Eden also went some way towards explaining satisfactorily, as Lord Cranborne's jibe failed to do, the absence of any specific reference to the League of Nations in the King's Speech. Nevertheless, the stress was upon the present weakness of the Geneva organisation, upon its inability to achieve practical results in a crisis, rather than upon Britain's desire to make it work. There was no indication of any determination to put our backs into restoring the shattered collective system, into drawing League nations together again, and making the League effective both as a deterrent and as a reforming body. It is true that he threw out the idea that we should welcome such developments, but he also left it to be inferred that the Government were defeatist in attitude and were to-day relying on exclusive self-defence and the ideas of Balance of Power which was long ago thought to have been ruled out. It is a matter of fundamental principle, for there is no much reason to think that the Services are now in the saddle, which is a sorry prospect for the nation.

On the removal of the Far Eastern dispute from Geneva to Brussels, the Foreign Secretary was on surer ground. No-one knows precisely what can be done or what will be done in the effort to stop the present conflict in the Far East, or what is the same thing in other words, to stop Japanese aggression, but nothing is more certain than this, that nothing can be done without the completest and unequivocal co-operation with and of the United States. The League did not possess the machinery which would enable the United States to participate; the Nine-Power Treaty was the correct instrument. It is the infringement of the Nine-Power Treaty which involves international interests in the Pacific. It is under that Treaty only that the American people, apart from their very real sympathies with China, accept a legal obligation. Just what that obligation is and what it involves, both as regards Britain and America, is a matter upon which the Brussels Conference will deliberate. At the moment, hopes of decisive action do not run very high. Pointers are that nothing more is intended, certainly at the moment, than an appeal to both parties to submit the dispute to mediation, with proposals for a form of moral pressure, which may go as far as a withdrawal of Ambassadors, in the event of Japan's adherence to the belief that she can go on ignoring world opinion and force a military decision. Japan's costly efforts to force a quick decision in Shanghai, the sacrifice of men along the Soochow Creek on a scale out of all proportion to the results achieved, denotes plainly that such a course is marked out by her military leaders, and that the old game of *Fait Accompli* is being played again, with the prospect of a lengthy Brussels conference contributing to its indulgence. The one bright spot in the picture is the realisation that there must be no hanging back. There will be no repetition of 1931 when Britain lagged at the crucial moment. On this occasion, British and American resources in the quest for peace will be pooled. Whatever diplomatic action is taken will be taken jointly. Whatever pressure is applied will be applied jointly. And if there are consequences, they will be faced jointly. Mr. Eden has given a categorical assurance that this is Britain's conception of her association with the United States at Brussels, and on that basis, Mr. Norman Davis will be able, with Mr. Eden, to place all cards upon the table and guarantee swifter decisions than would, in less assured circumstances, be possible. That does not mean that the Powers sitting at Brussels are assembling to consider punitive measures. Yesterday's "Times" leader was timely in its provision of a cold douche for those anticipating too much. What it does mean, for whatever it may be worth, is that Britain and the United States will present a united front. From that much may spring. The most satisfactory result, all round, would be Japanese realisation that a half note has been called and that it would be statesmanlike wisdom to take

# NO HARD AND FAST AGENDA FOR BRUSSELS CONFERENCE

## Italian Delegate's Interview With Tokyo Envoy

### JAPAN MAY BE ASKED TO STATE TERMS FOR PEACE

Brussels, To-day.

It is considered impossible to prepare a hard and fast programme for the Nine-Power Treaty Conference on the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

First step will be to discover whether the Japanese are prepared to have any dealings with the Conference, also whether they will state on what conditions they are prepared to cease hostilities.

It is also necessary to ascertain the terms on which the Chinese Government would be prepared to discuss peace.

When these factors are established, it will be possible to estimate the chances of a settlement.

At the public session to-day (Wednesday) the principal delegations will make speeches and will probably appeal for conciliation.

Japanese quarters state that the Belgian Foreign Office has asked the Japanese Embassy if they proposed to send an observer to the Conference. The Ambassador stated in his reply that he did not propose to have any contact with the Conference.

#### ITALY AND JAPAN

The Italian delegate had a long interview with the Japanese Ambassador yesterday evening.

The Japanese have denied a report circulating here that Japan would be willing to consider mediation by Britain and the United States.

#### KOO'S BROADCAST

Dr. Wellington Koo, the chief Chinese delegate, in a broadcast last night, declared that the principal fact of the situation is the flagrant violation by Japan of the Nine-Power Treaty, which is a violation not only as regards China but the other signatories as well.—Reuter.

### MUCH GOING ON BEHIND SCENES

Brussels, To-day.

Although there are still a few hours to go before M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, opens the Nine-Power Conference at 11 o'clock this morning, and the assembled delegates will be listening to the first speaker in the person of Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese Ambassador in Paris, much has already happened in the Belgian capital in the way of furnishing an appropriate mise-en-scene.

Arrival of the British delegation, headed by Mr. Anthony Eden, drew a large crowd to the north station, but the real centre of interest, particularly for the big contingent of foreign newspaper correspondents, was the Metropole Hotel, which has been chosen as headquarters of the British, American and Netherlands delegations.

### JAPANESE PACT WITH GERMANY AND ITALY

Berlin, To-day.

The Italo-German-Japanese anti-Comintern Pact will be signed in Rome on November 6, Reuter learns in competent quarters.—Reuter.

### CUBAN PLAN FOR ACTION IN SPAIN

Washington, To-day. The State Department has declined an invitation from the Cuban Government to participate in a joint endeavour by all American Republics to establish peace in Spain.

The American reply, nevertheless, expresses the earnest hope that a peaceful method of terminating the strife may be found.—Reuter.

### JAPANESE PLANES OVER TSINGTAO

Tsinanfu, To-day.

According to the military authorities, for the first time since hostilities broke out, a Japanese bomber, escorted by two pursuit planes, flew over Tsingtao yesterday afternoon.

The machines flew right over the port in south-westerly direction.

No bombs were dropped anywhere near the port.

Just before sunset a Japanese scouting plane flew over, at departed after cruising above the town for half an hour.—Our Own Correspondent.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, Saturday and is due at Hong Kong on November 19 (Friday).

### VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR ARMY RESERVE

London, To-day.

The War Secretary, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, informed the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had decided to make vocation training available to the utmost to every soldier before leaving the Colours, and not afterwards, as at present.

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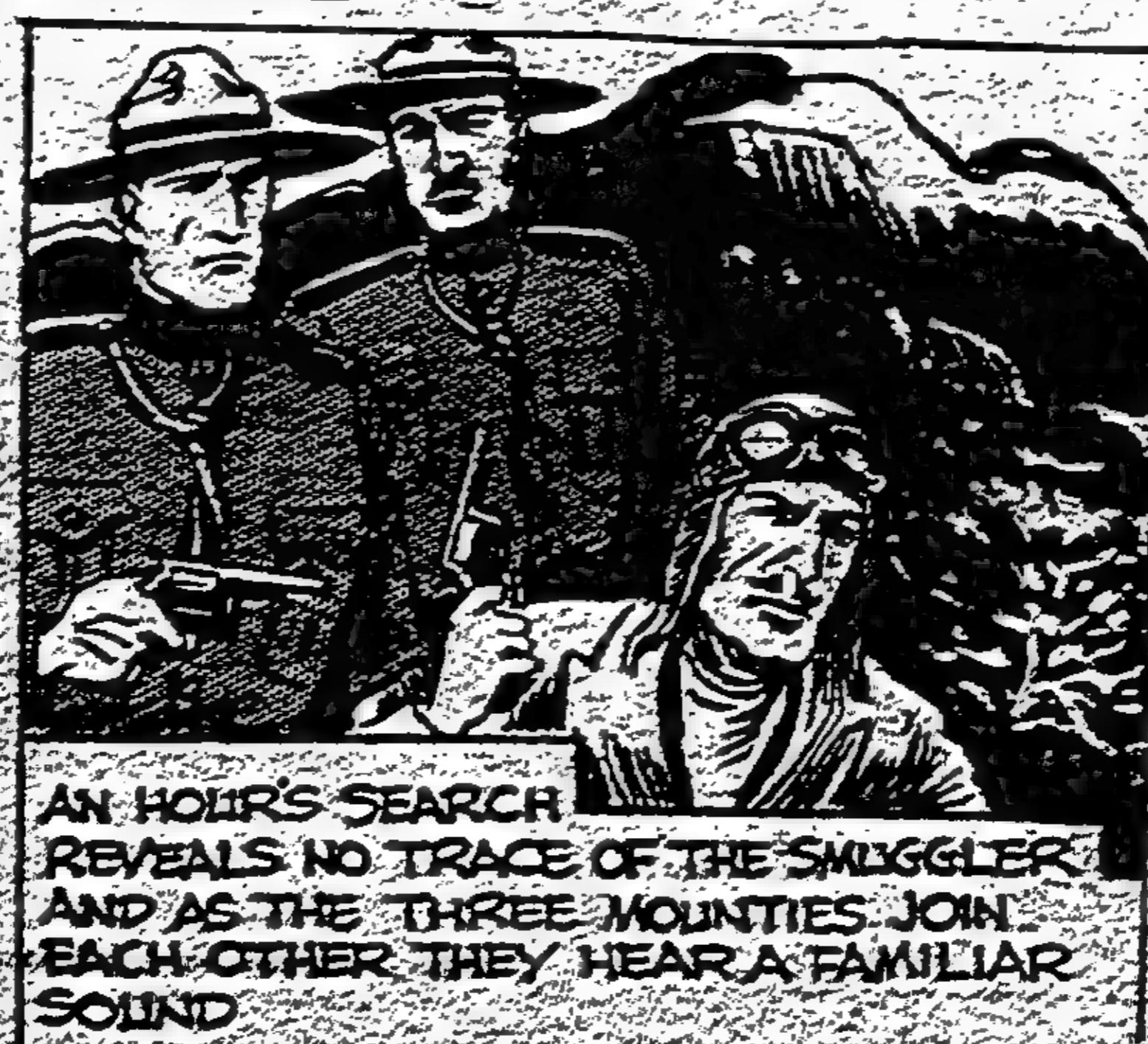
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# BIG BUSINESS AND Claims For Damage And Settlement Future

London, To-day. As a result of the meeting of a committee headed by Sir George MacDonough, representing the China Association, the Federation of British Industries and the Chambers of Commerce of Bradford, London and Manchester, two letters have been sent to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

The first letter hopes that the opportunity will be taken at the Brussels Conference to consider in conjunction with representatives of other Powers concerned, the principles on which claims for compensation for damage arising from the Sino-Japanese hostilities should be based.

The second letter expresses grave concern at the continued encroachment of the Japanese in the International Settlement at Shanghai and their interference with the services of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

It is suggested that these matters should also be discussed with representatives of the Powers concerned at the Brussels Conference, with the object of formulating a common policy in regard to the International Settlement, and avoiding any exploitation of the position by either of the belligerent parties when hostilities cease.—Reuter.

### TRAMP SHIPPING SUBSIDY TO END

London, To-day. The subsidy to tramp shipping will not be continued, the President of the Board of Trade told the Commons at question-time.—British Wireless.

### JAPANESE ISSUING NEW WAR LOANS

Tokyo, To-day. Expressly referring to the Sino-Japanese war, the Japanese Government has offered a loan of 200,000,000 yen for subscription by November 16.

The loan will run for a period of 17 years and will bear 3 1/4 percent interest.

Another loan for 500,000,000 will be offered in December.—Trans-Ocean.

### LORD MAYOR'S CHINA FUND

London, To-day. The Lord Mayor's China Relief Fund now exceeds £50,000.—Reuter.



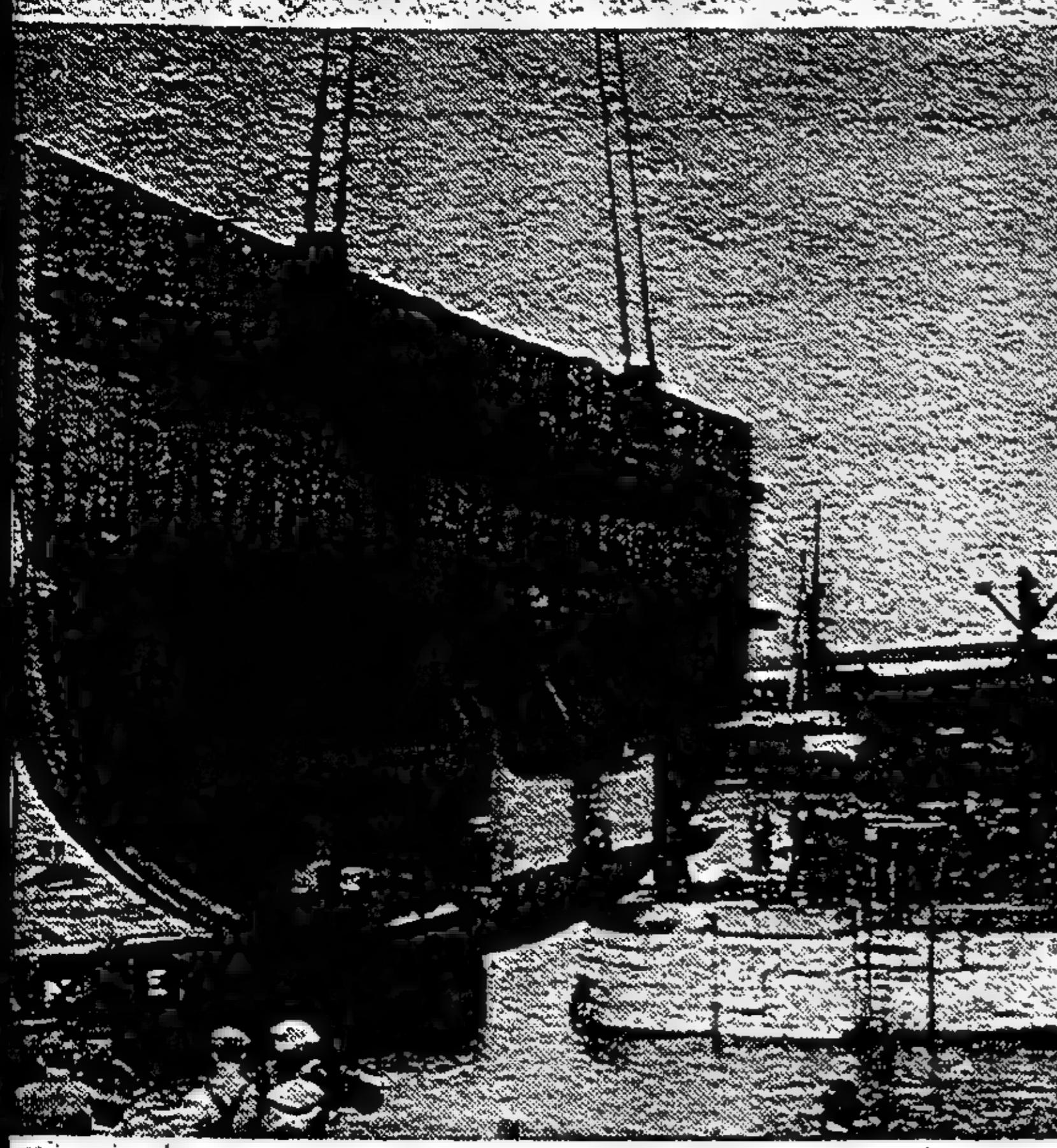
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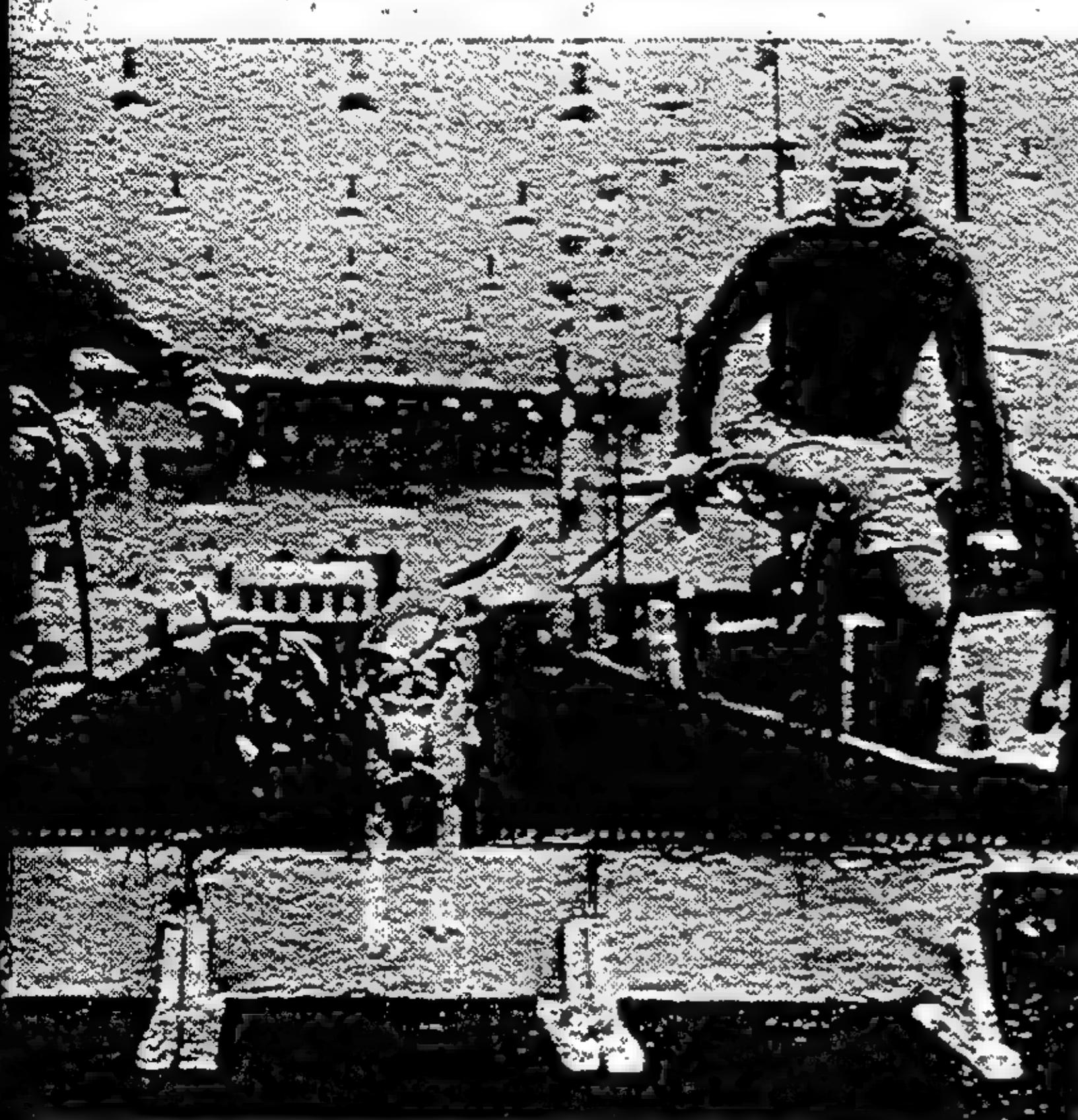
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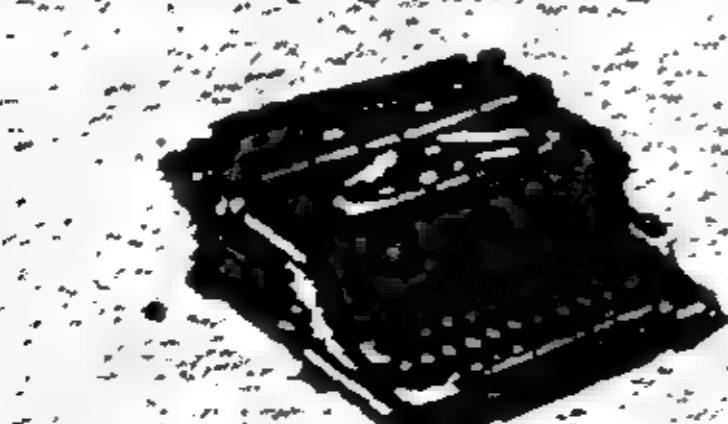
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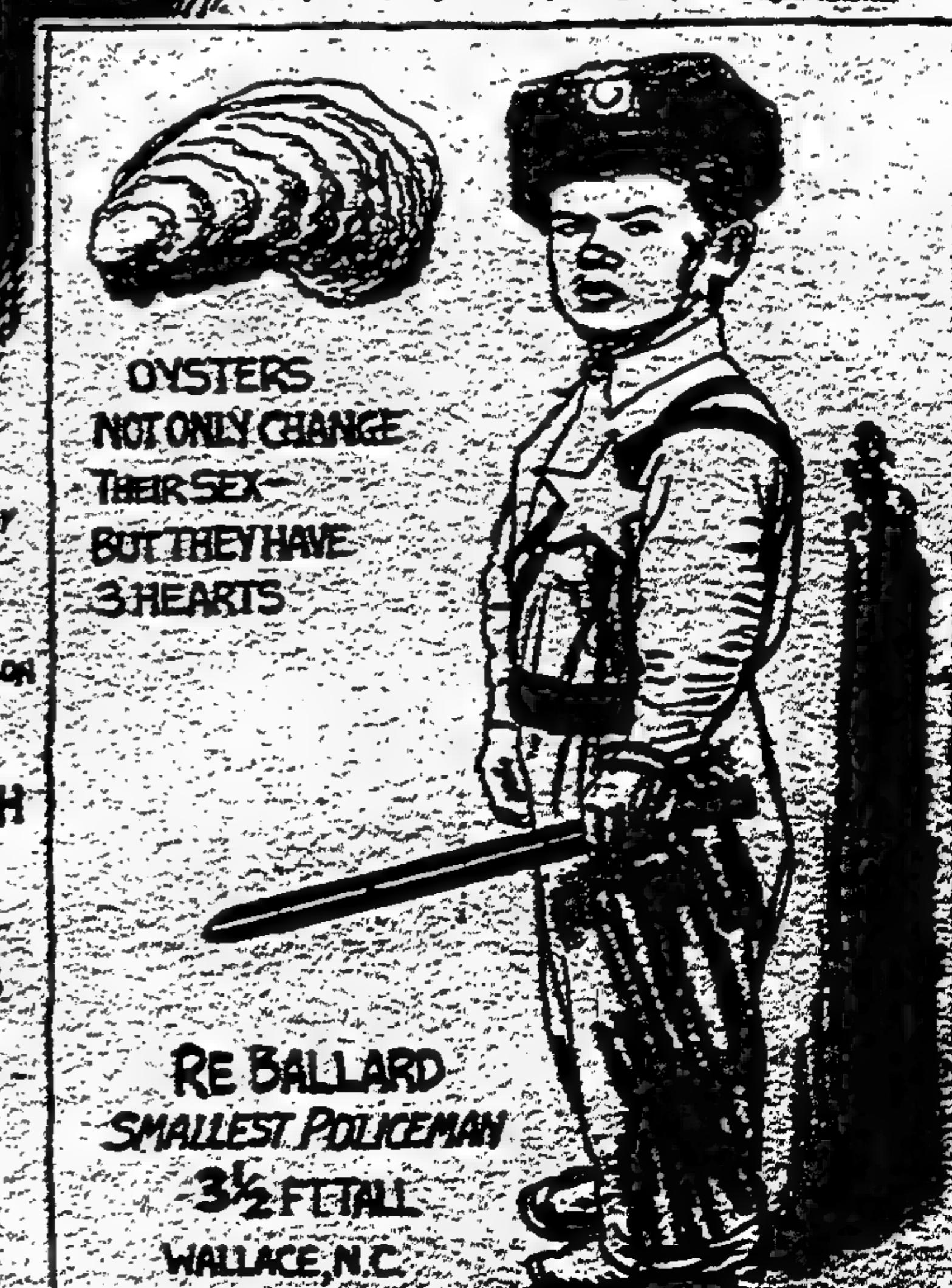
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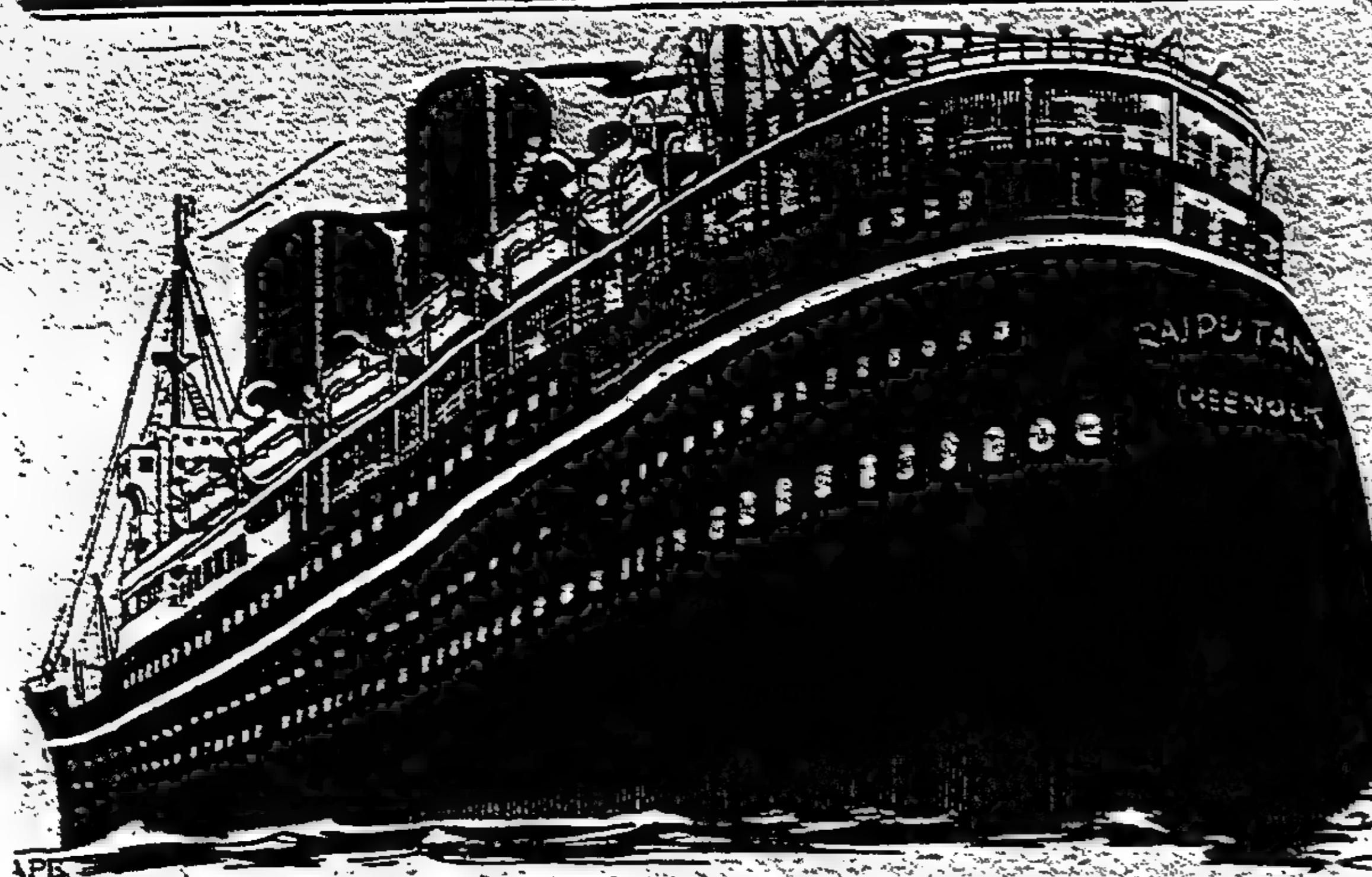
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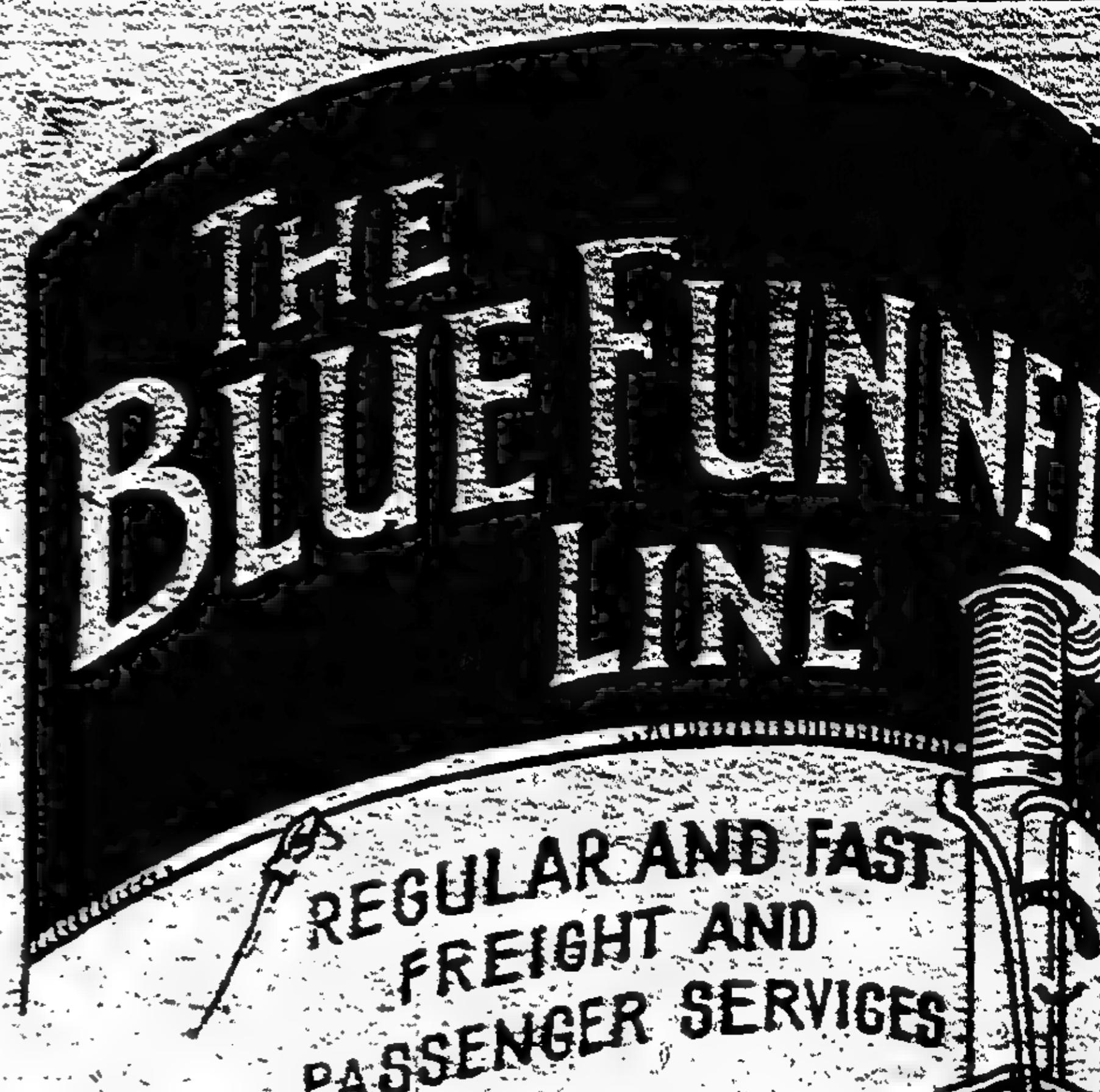
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The demand rate of the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

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The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £ U.S.\$4.9622.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**

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**LOCAL SHARE MARKET**

**BANKS**

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning.

**BANKS**

Hong Kong Bank \$1580 b.

**INSURANCES**

Cantons Ins. \$250 b.

Union Ins. \$510 b.

H. K. Fire Ins. \$235 b.

**SHIPPING**

H. K. Steamboats \$9 b.

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Rands \$83 b., \$875 sa.

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China Lights (Old) \$11.70 b.

H. K. Electrics \$55 b.

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Telephones (Old) \$257 b.

Telephones (New) \$910 b., \$910 sa.

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Cements \$12.40 b., \$12.40 sa.

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Dairy Farms \$24.35 b.

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Vibro Piling \$5.5 b.

H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 6 1/2% pm. s.

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**BRITISH NAVAL DECISION**

London, To-day.

Following occupation of Northern Spain by the Nationalists, the Admiralty has decided to withdraw British warships from the Spanish Atlantic coast, with the exception of two destroyers, Electra and Escort.

The destroyers will provisionally remain in the vicinity of Spanish waters.

All other ships, it is stated, are already on the way back to their home ports.—Trans-Ocean.

**SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER**

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber.

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April/June 25 1/8 b. Down 3/4.

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Market: Nominal.



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# **SEA TRIALS OF M.V. KYAWTHAWAII**

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# CRICKET SEASON PROVIDES THRILLS EXTRAORDINARY BATTING AND BOWLING PERFORMANCES

## CLUBS WAKE UP AT LAST: ENTHUSIASM EVIDENT WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNED

(By "ADREM")

THE most discriminating follower of local cricket can have little at which to grumble, regarding the variety of cricket served up in the Colony for the short while the season has been in progress.

WE HAVE HAD AS MANY CENTURIES AS THE LIMITED TIME AT DISPOSAL FOR THE DECIDING OF MATCHES HAS MADE REASONABLY POSSIBLE, AND AT LEAST TWO CRICKET FEATS WHICH MUST RANK AMONG THE MOST REMARKABLE EVER REGISTERED IN HONG KONG.

## GREAT FEATS IN FRIENDLY CRICKET

F.K. Lee's All-Round Performance

## BEADNILL AND MICHELL IN 200 PARTNERSHIP

(By "ADREM")

Remarkable performances were achieved in friendly cricket matches over the week-end. On Saturday, F. K. Lee rocked local cricket circles with one of the finest all-round feats recorded in the Colony—possibly the finest—I cannot remember a better one in the last ten years, 6 wickets for 1 run and 89.

Playing for Craigengower against Kowloon Cricket Club, he bowled fourth change, obviously as a last resort, dismissed Anderson and shortly after, R. E. Lee, Brokenshire and Frank Goodwin in successive balls to secure the "hat-trick". I am told, however, that his analysis definitely flatters him. This could not be said of his batting. Curiously enough he wore dark glasses throughout but far from affecting his vision, he seemed to see the ball about twice as fast as any normal person.

Lee is one of the quickest-footed batsmen ever to have played in the Colony—as evidence his treatment of Growder, the Club googly bowler a few years ago—and he drove, cut, hooked and leg-glanced with equal facility. Now that he has recovered his form, following a long period of stagnation, it will be interesting to see what other feats this most promising young cricketer will perform in the near future.

### EARLY DISASTER

To get to the game itself, Kowloon batted first and lost their first three wickets for only 8 runs. Anderson was going the even tenor of his impulsive way, playing the bowling on its merits and although rather slow at the outset, never looked like getting out.

Joined by Burnett he suddenly came out of his shell, took 21 off



Esmail in one over, and, with Burnett hitting merrily at the other end, 70 runs was hoisted in 15 minutes and the partnership eventually realised 84. Once Anderson had lost his wicket, more or less thrown away under the belief that the time was later than it actually was, there was just a procession, jogged along by F. K. Lee.

### FINE FIELDING

Billimoria impressed in Craigengower's attack, although he gave the impression that he requires careful nursing; but the most notable feature of this innings was the fielding of the home side, which was described by a competent judge of the game, as comparable to the University team of some four years ago.

Souza stood head and shoulders above everyone else in this department and took two very nice catches, while Hamson was also outstanding, especially when close to the wicket, in his usual position at short-leg.

With Lee attacking from the outset, there was never any doubt as to the eventual outcome, and Ernie Zimmern making his advent when the K. C. C. fielders were already feeling very sorry for themselves, he completed the rout started by Lee and helped himself to 11 fours in a hard-hit 47 not out.

### DESCRIBED AS TRIPLE!

The Kowloon attack was described by the critic aforementioned as triple! Only Robbie Lee ever looked at all like a senior bowler. There is a crying need for more use to be made of those nets at Cox's Road if this team does not want to spend the greater part of their cricket leather-hunting.

An exceedingly low-scoring match was played between H.K.C.C. and I.R.C. in which Minu and Abbas skittled out one of the strongest batting sides the Club were in a position to field, for a paltry 47. Owen Hughes and Alec Pearce were the only batsmen who ever looked like making runs, and the score-sheet made very miserable reading indeed.

### BOWLED DANGEROUSLY

I.R.C. faced with this small total, did not have matters all their own way and not until six wickets had fallen was the Club total passed. Bowker never looked dangerous, but Owen Hughes, except for one or two loose ones, bowled very well. Civil Service were fully extended

A rather slow start, which many thought was the reaction wrought by disappointment following upon the cancellation of the Interport, ever a stimulant especially to the younger generation, has been followed by a wave of enthusiasm with a result that in addition to full Saturday afternoon programmes, Sunday games are now the order rather than the exception, as evidence last Sunday when no fewer than four fixtures were completed.

From form so far revealed, it appears likely that the Senior Division will be more open this season than for some time.

### CRAIGENGOWER THREAT

Craigengower, with the return to the fold of several players, who have (Continued in next Column)

by 5th A.A. Bde., R.A., and only managed to beat them by 83 runs. McLellan, who scored 49 not out with the bat the previous week, decided, in this game, to be a bowler and he had the opposition considerably puzzled while capturing 5 wickets for 37.

### BOWLING PITIFUL

I hate to be continually harping on the subject of K.C.C.'s weak bowling but in their match with the Army on Sunday, I understand it was nothing short of pitiful. In any event, Lt. Beadnell, a newcomer to local cricket, and Capt. Michell, got together and could not be dislodged. They were still together when the declaration was made and . . . Had each scored a century, had added nearly 220 for the fifth wicket.

Without wishing to detract from the merit of their achievement, I was told that any succeeding batsman could have done similarly so futile was the bowling and so pathetic the fielding.

### SAVED THE TEAM

Army paid the penalty for a late declaration and although most of K.C.C.'s better batsmen were away, Teddy Fincher got going and his 77 saved his side from outright defeat. Bandsman Cheney bowled very well for his five wickets.

I was very pleased to see that W. H. Kwan, a member of the Diocesan School side of the days of Donald Anderson, Tinker Lee, Robbie Lee, R. A. Gerrard, among others, was in action at the University on Sunday. He played for the Alumni Association against the Undergraduates and took two wickets in addition to hitting 23 retired.

D.B.S. continue to show fine form and beat R.A.O.C. at the School. George Kew and Francis Lay batted very well for 47 and 42.

been out of the game so long that they had almost been lost sight of, give definite indications of vast improvement and Civil Service leading batsmen have all, at various periods, displayed excellent form. Recreio, "Babies" of the Division, although revealing decided inconsistency, nevertheless, give promise of things to come.

Among the clubs usually acknowledged as powerful, H. K. C. C., with most of last year's talent available and considerably augmented by one or two newcomers and players like "Acci" Bowker, who is turning out regularly, despite a defeat last week at the hands of their co-holders of the championship, I. R. C., appears to me to be the best balanced team in the Colony. The Indians, with Minu gallantly bearing the brunt of the attack and with Nazarin, S. A. Ismail and Kitchell having returned to form with the bat, can also look forward to their League commitments with optimism.

### TROUBLE WITH ATTACK

Kowloon, as ever, are having trouble with their attack, although their leading batsmen are as reliable as of old. The trouble here, in the opinion of many, K. C. C. bowlers in particular, lies in their poor fielding.

Robbie Lee, Frank Goodwin, B. D. Lay, Anderson, Lloyd, Burnett and Ernie Fincher, comprise a well-assorted and hardworking selection, and yet they never seem able to get their opponents out. Only one explanation is necessary—watch K. C. C. in the field and in future sympathise with their bowlers in the obstacles they have to contend with.

Outstanding features of the Second Division are the improvement of Craigengower, who, I venture to forecast, will not finish lower than third in the table, and the deterioration of Army "B". Kowloon are as powerful as ever, as are Police, although the latter have met with one defeat in a gallant effort to score a large number of runs set them by Craigengower. The Club are also going to take a good deal of beating.

### NAVY'S POSITION

Navy so far, have shown promising form, but one can never tell how long it will last. Due to Fleet movements and various other circumstances the transitory nature of their personnel for one, they have a tendency to fall off towards the end of the season and drop down the League table with alarming rapidity.

The Junior League has been in progress for the last three weeks and next Saturday, Senior League teams will get into action and local cricket will be in full swing.



E. C. "Teddy" Fincher, above, gave a sterling display against an Army side for the K.C.C. last Sunday.

# CRAIGENGOWER MAINTAIN PROMISE

*Rapley Finds Best Form  
Against Police*

## BOOKER'S GALLANT FIGHT AGAINST CLOCK FINE NAVAL PARTNERSHIP

(By "Adrem")

FINEST achievement in Junior League cricket last Saturday was the defeat of Police Recreation Club by Craigengower Cricket Club.

Although not unexpected, this result definitely establishes the winners, after several lean seasons, among the most powerful in the competition and Kowloon Cricket Club, the present holders, will have to look to their laurels when these two teams meet next Saturday at the Valley.

Always described as promising, but never quite living up to that reputation in his club's first team, young Rapley, demoted to the second team, showed in no uncertain manner, the stuff of which he is made and his undefeated innings of 89, was easily the outstanding performance of his career.

Going in first, he scored freely figure mark, declared in order to give Police a sporting chance to get the runs or get out. Commencing their innings at 4.25, they set about their task in workmanlike manner and in 35 minutes had hoisted 97 for the loss of four wickets, thanks chiefly to Carey and N. J. Booker, formerly of the C. B. S. The latter fulfilled all the promise of his schooldays in compiling a brilliant 54, in 35 minutes, and as long as he was at the wicket, Police prospects were bright. Kitchell got one past him, however, and that was the beginning of the end, the remaining wickets only adding a further 38 runs to leave Craigengower worthy winners.

### G. M. YOUNG CUP DRAW CONDITIONS FOR PLAY

The following is the draw for (R.H.K.C.) G. M. Young Cup:

Preliminary round:—Lowe Bingham and Matthews (J. Fleming) v. Dodwell and Co. (A. C. I. Bowker).

First Round

Union Insurance Society (R. L. D. Wodehouse) v. A. P. C. (R. Young); Manufacturers Life Ins. Co. (E. J. E. Mitchell) v. Standard Vacuum Oil Co. (L. H. Geare); Winner of preliminary round v. Butterfield and Swire (T. E. Chassels); Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (O. J. Shannon) v. Chartered Bank (D. J. Gilmore).

The Manager of each Team is shown in Brackets. First pair in each bracket are challengers and are responsible for arranging dates. To be played under handicap, as on date of playing. Teams (4 aside) may be changed from day to day.

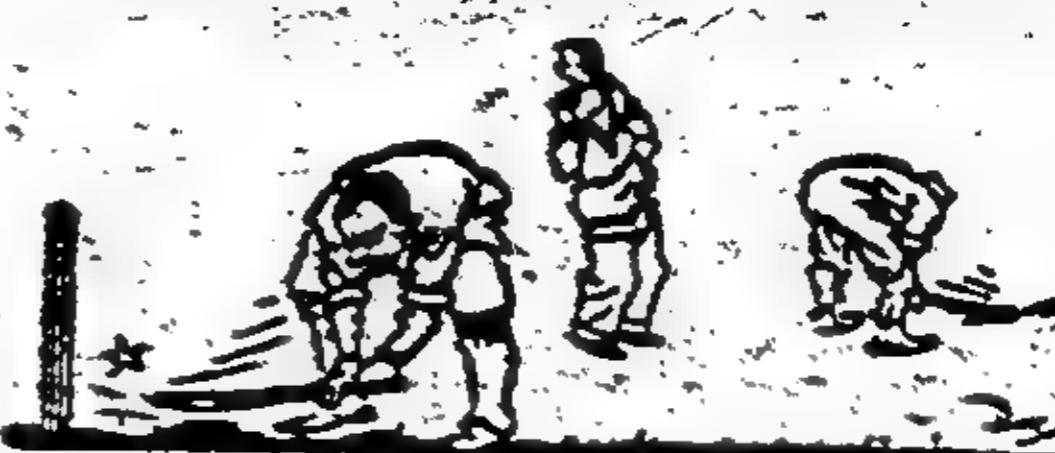
18 holes Match play singles and fourballs. Each single match 1 point, each fourball match 2 points and each match to be played out over 18 holes:  $\frac{3}{4}$  difference in singles,  $\frac{1}{3}$  (bisques) in 4 balls.

Singles will be played on the New Course and afternoon pairs should be bracketed together; 4 balls will be played on the Old Course. In the event of the points for matches being equal, the result will be decided by the number of holes between the teams.

Preliminary round to be played on or before December 12, 1937. First round to be played on or before January 16, 1938. Semi-final round to be played on or before February 6, 1938 and Final round to be played on or before February 20, 1938.

### CRICKET AVERAGES ON FRIDAY

League cricket statistics compiled by "Adrem" will be published in our editions next Friday and on all subsequent Fridays in which any changes occur. Cricket notes will appear as usual on Wednesdays.



amassed by four batsmen, C. W. E. Bishop (31), N. P. Fox (38), R. S. W. Paterson (41) and D. S. Robb (28), but their later bats found Minn too good for them and the last five wickets realised only 16 runs.

### LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.W.	L.D.	Pts.
K. C. C.	2	2	0 9 6
C. C. C.	2	2	0 9 6
Army "A"	2	1	0 1 4
Royal Navy	2	1	0 1 4
Police	2	1	1 0 3
H. K. C. C.	1	1	0 0 3
University	1	0	1 0 0
Army "B"	2	0	2 0 0
Recreio	2	0	2 0 0
I. R. C.	1	0	1 0 0
C. S. C. C.	1	0	1 0 0
Totals	18	8	8 2 26

### SALE OF TICKETS FOR AMBULANCE CUP RACE SWEEP

The sale of tickets for the Ambulance Cup Trophy under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will terminate at the end of November. In the meantime tickets may be purchased from St. John Ambulance Brigade members as well as from the Treasurers, Messrs. Thomson and Co.

The Race has been arranged for December 19, prior to which the draw will take place, time and place for which will be announced later.

### LEAGUE

### BADMINTON NEXT WEEK

### PROGRAMME FOR THREE DIVISIONS

The local badminton season starts officially next week when a full programme of matches has been arranged. On Monday, "A" Men's teams will be in action and chief interest will be centred in the first appearance of King's College, playing in this Division as a result of the promotion following their success in the Junior Division last season. Free Lances, playing in a lower section, will meet C.R.C., also previously in the "A" Division, in the "B" Division on Wednesday. The former team will be making use of the facilities kindly granted them by the Sailors' Home and Mission to Seamen and will be entertaining on the latter's court in Gloucester Road. This court should not be confused with that at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home in Johnston Road.

On Friday, Mixed Doubles matches are featured and eight teams, including Taikoo, back to the fold again, will be participating.

The following are the fixtures for next week:

#### "A" DIVISION

Monday

St. Andrew's v. Recreio "A"  
Recreio "B" v. University "A"

Wednesday

University "B" v. King's College  
Free Lances v. St. Andrew's

Friday

Recreio "B" v. Kowloon Tong  
C. R. C. v. Free Lances  
Taikoo v. University

#### "B" DIVISION

Wednesday

St. John's v. St. Andrew's

Friday

Recreio "A" v. Kowloon Tong  
Free Lances v. University

#### MIXED DOUBLES

Friday

St. John's v. St. Andrew's

Recreio "A" v. Kowloon Tong

Free Lances v. University

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# ENGLISH FORUM LEAD IN SOFTBALL

*Matty Chang In Deadly Form*

## 16 PLAYERS ROUTED FROM MOUND

### C.B.A. LACKING IN PRACTICE

SOFTBALL enthusiasts, over the week-end saw three interesting matches played in which the English Forum became the undisputed leaders of the League through their defeat of the Machine Gunners by 2 runs to nil.

The Vets, now in second place, took the Canadian Chinese to town in a ding-dong battle that lasted through ten innings. In the ninth inning the score was tied at 4-4, but in a rousing extra stanza, the Vets accumulated three runs to take the game from the Canadian Chinese. There was only home run scored in this game, by Bill Woo, the star of the Canadian Chinese.

Matty Chang, pitching in big shade. Rooters for the Canadian league form, struck out 16 men Chinese were there in full force, and only allowed one base on balls and four scattered hits. In this early stage of the series it is not safe to predict how far the Vets will go, but present indications show that they are a formidable team to contend with.

With Abe Liu, who knows baseball from the ground up, the Vets have an able coach, and he scored one run when he went to bat in the tenth as a pinch-hitter.

#### MUST IMPROVE

Fielding a bunch of scrubs, Porter's Machine Gunners gave the Forumers a scare by only admitting defeat by 2 clear runs. With their full line-up, the Forum boys should have made a track meet of this game, and they will have to look to their laurels if they hope to retain the lead in the League.

In a ragged game full of errors, Bill Muir's Central British mob lost to the Filipino Club by 10 runs to 4. Although they have improved in their playing and have increased their knowledge of Softball, the Central British need much more practice before they become serious contenders for the pennant.

#### ONE DOUBLE PLAY

One double play was made, however, in which a Filipino base-runner, running before a fly was caught, was put out flat-footed at first. Gaubert, at first base, making two put-outs with an assist by King, at second.

A much larger crowd came out to see the games on Sunday, undeterred by the fact that there was no seating accommodation and no



Matty Chang, above, President of the Softball League, was in great form from the mound for the English Forum against the Machine Gunners in last Sunday's encounter at King's Park.

#### Detailed Box Scores:

Vets AB R H PO A E

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
E. Wong 1B	5	1	9	-	-	-
J. Yee C	5	2	1	1	-	-
M. Chang P	5	1	1	1	3	-
C. Young SS	5	1	1	-	-	-
T. Chan CF	4	1	1	1	-	-
B. Jan 2B	4	-	-	1	-	-
N. Lum 3B	4	-	1	2	1	-
T. Mar RF	3	-	1	-	-	-
Chung LF	4	1	-	-	-	-
Abe Liu for Mar in	1	1	1	-	-	-
9th	1	1	1	-	-	-
	40	7	6	14	6	1

#### Scores By Innings:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Runs: 1 - 2 - 1 - - 3 - 7

Hits: 1 - 1 1 - 1 + - 2 - 6

#### Canadian Chinese Club

AB R H PO A E

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
B. Ing 3B	4	-	-	5	1	-
J. Delgado C	3	1	-	-	-	-
A. Lau 2B	4	1	1	2	1	1
W. Woo 1B	4	1	1	15	1	-
Nazzarin SS	4	1	2	2	1	-
H. Quon P	4	-	1	2	1	-
G. G. Lee LF	4	-	2	-	1	-
Fernandez CF, RF	4	-	2	-	1	-
G. Chow RF	1	-	-	-	-	-
G. White CF	3	-	-	-	-	-
	27	4	4	24	10	4

#### Score By Innings:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Runs: 2 - - 1 - 1 - - 4

Hits: 2 - - 1 - 1 - - 4

Two base hits: Yee, Chang and Nazzarin.

Three base hits: Young and T. Chan.

Home run: Woo.

Base on balls: Chang = 1.

Struck out by Quon = 6, by Chang = 16.

Umpires: T. Chinn and W. Chang.

Scorer: W. J. Fraser.

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Wingzee C	5	-	1	4	-	-
Madar P	4	-	-	3	-	-
Porter LB	4	-	2	8	2	-
G. White 2B	4	-	2	3	-	-

Score By Innings:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Runs: 2 - - 1 - 1 - - 4

Hits: 2 - - 1 - 1 - - 4

Two base hits: Paulino and Dolano.

Three base hits: Gosoico and Bautista.

Home run: Torres.

Struck out by Loyola = 9, by MacNider = 1.

Base on balls: Millington = 1, Loyola = 0.

Umpires: Idefonso and Eusebio.

Scorer: W. A. Smith.

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## UNITED HOCKEY TOURNAMENT RULE CHANGE

### Meeting Held Yesterday

The monthly meeting of the United Hockey Tournament was held at the Police Training School yesterday. Those present were Lt. R. D. MacLagan (chairman) Mr. S. Mettam (secretary) and representatives of the Royal Engineers, Royal Air Force, K.L.T.C., Ordnance, Police, Seaforths and C.R.A.

On the recommendation of the Hong Kong Hockey Association, the word "discreditable" was altered to "unsatisfactory" in the rules. "A game is to be replayed when the conduct of players or umpire is considered 'discreditable'."

To accommodate civilian teams who cannot turn out in time for their matches, the Captains, by mutual agreement may play less than full time with a minimum of 25 minutes for each half.

The next meeting will be held on December 7.

## CLUB HOCKEY ELEVEN FOR TO-DAY'S MATCH

The following team will represent the senior eleven of the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the Royal Engineers on the Club ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow.—

V. M. Berwell; Flt/Lt R. L. Wallace and E. V. Reed; R. A. Bates, W. A. Reed and J. E. Potter; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Captain), B. L. Bickford and V. Bond.

## TRIANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNEY

The First Round of the triangular tourney will be played between the Army and the Navy to-morrow on the Navy ground, King's Park, at 4.30 p.m.



## DARK BLUES' RUGBY TRIUMPH

London, To-day.—In the only important Club Rugby fixture played yesterday, Oxford University beat the Oxford Greyhounds by 22 points to 11 at home.—Reuter.

## ARMY CRICKET TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following cricket team has been chosen to represent the Army in their First Division League match against the Club de Recreo next Saturday, at 2 p.m. at Sookkun-poo.

Capt. J. R. Mackintosh-Walker, Major G. P. Murray, and Bandman Cheney (Seaforths); Capt. D. R. Macmillan and Lieut. E. A. Barron (R.E.); Lieut. L. G. Beadnell and Lieut. M. P. Weeden (Middlesex); Q. M. S. Warr (R.E.), Sergt. Partridge (R.A.O.C.) and Sgt. Jackson (R.W.F.).

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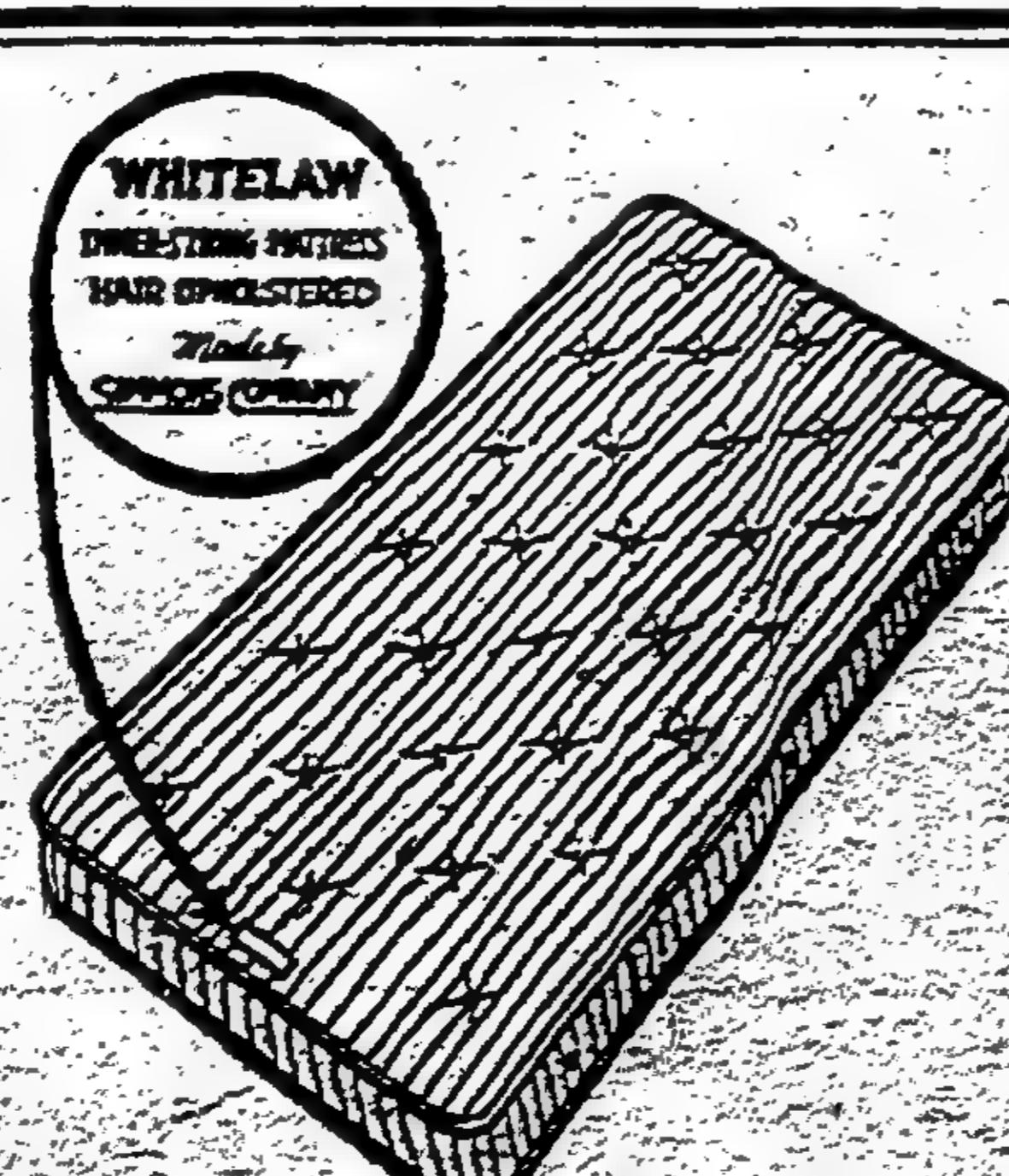
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# OXFORD RUGBY CAPTAIN HAS HIS PROBLEMS ALSO IN THE CENTRE AND AT STAND-OFF MANY GOOD FORWARDS AVAILABLE

London, September 24.

J. A. BRETT, of Durham, is the new Oxford University captain. He began his duties last Lenten term, that is directly after Christmas, experimenting with players who are likely to become the successors to C. F. Grieve, at stand-off, N. F. McGrath, G. D. Roos, G. A. Reid, M. McGregor Cooper and H. M. Hughes, forwards, all of whom have gone down.

THERE SHOULD NOT BE MUCH DIFFICULTY ABOUT THE POSITION OF FULL-BACK, AS H. D. FREAKES IS AGAIN AVAILABLE, AND HE WAS ONE OF THE BEST MEN IN THIS POSITION IN ENGLISH RUGBY LAST SEASON, AND ONLY MISSED A CAP OWING TO THE SKILL OF HIS FELLOW-COUNTRYMAN, H. G. OWEN-SMITH. F. M. FORSTER (WELINGTON) MAY BE HIS DEPUTY.

Brett, no doubt, wishes he could solve his three-quarter problem with equal ease. He has four Blues available for the position—A. Obolensky, M. M. Walford, W. N. Renwick and H. R. G. Percy. Obolensky and Percy were not fit last season, and on this account the former could not play against Cambridge. They are the two fastest men in residence, and a great deal depends on whether they have completely recovered.

Walford and Renwick, as centres, are impressive names, and yet the fact remains that neither was entirely satisfactory last season. Both may have to fight hard to retain their places, as the opposition is likely to be uncommonly strong.

Among the seniors are J. C. Stevens (Cranleigh), A. S. Dawkins (Marlborough), J. H. Portus (Adelaide University), W. H. Bell (Monkton Combe), J. D. Lewis (New Zealand) and T. J. Cowan (St. Bees), each a player of distinction both in defence and attack.

#### THREE LIKELY CENTRES

There are also three likely centres coming up in R. E. Luyt (Diocesan Coll., Rondebosch, S.A.), D. A. Kininmonth (Sedbergh) and P. J. Wells (Ampleforth). If there is anything in the theory of heredity, Luyt is a really good player. His father, R. D., played for South Africa six times, and was recognised as one of the outstanding players of the 1912-13 touring side which beat all four countries, as well as France.

It would certainly be a great asset to Oxford Rugger if the younger Luyt proved to be of the same class. However, these young Colonial players often take some time to settle down. If Luyt can become quickly acclimatised to the Oxford atmosphere he should prove an acquisition.

#### C. F. GRIEVE'S SUCCESSOR?

An even bigger problem than the finding of two thrustful centres is the filling of the position vacated by C. F. Grieve. Through loss of form and injuries Oxford have had no outstanding stand-off half for some years, and their game, particularly in an attacking sense, has suffered. There are no "ready-made" players to step into Grieve's

shoes. The most that can be said, for instance, of A. F. Dawkins (Marlborough), R. S. Llewellyn (Sherborne) and I. S. Watts (Sutton Valence) is that they are the best known players in this position, but that each has still to prove himself the ideal pivot.

If none of them comes up to the mark, perhaps either Walford or Luyt will be put into what after all is the key position. The young Cheltenham half-back, C. R. Bourne, may as yet be rather immature, but he is bound to be heard of before he goes down.

P. Cooke (St. Edwards) should keep his place as scrum-half, and if anything happens to him there are two admirable substitutes in R. T. Campbell (Berkhamsted) and M. McDowell (Glasgow Academy).

#### ANOTHER FINE PACK

Despite the departure of the five stalwarts already named, I fancy the strength of the Oxford side will again be in the pack. Lucky the captain, who can face with equanimity the loss of McGrath, Roos, Reid, Hughes and Cooper. Brett can do so, and his only difficulty seems to be to make the scrum fit in properly.

Brett ran the rule over his candidates last Lent term, and the process was most encouraging. He himself will presumably again play in the front row and he may be joined by either H. Atkinson (Queensland) or R. A. Cooper (Brighton College), and as an outside by either J. D. Coles (Clifton), or R. E. M. Blakeway (Rhodes Univ., S.A.).

R. M. Marshall (Giggleswick), that fine second-row forward who so nearly forced his way into the England XV., will need a partner, and among the candidates for the post, all big and fast men, are C. J. Laubscher (St. Andrews, South

  
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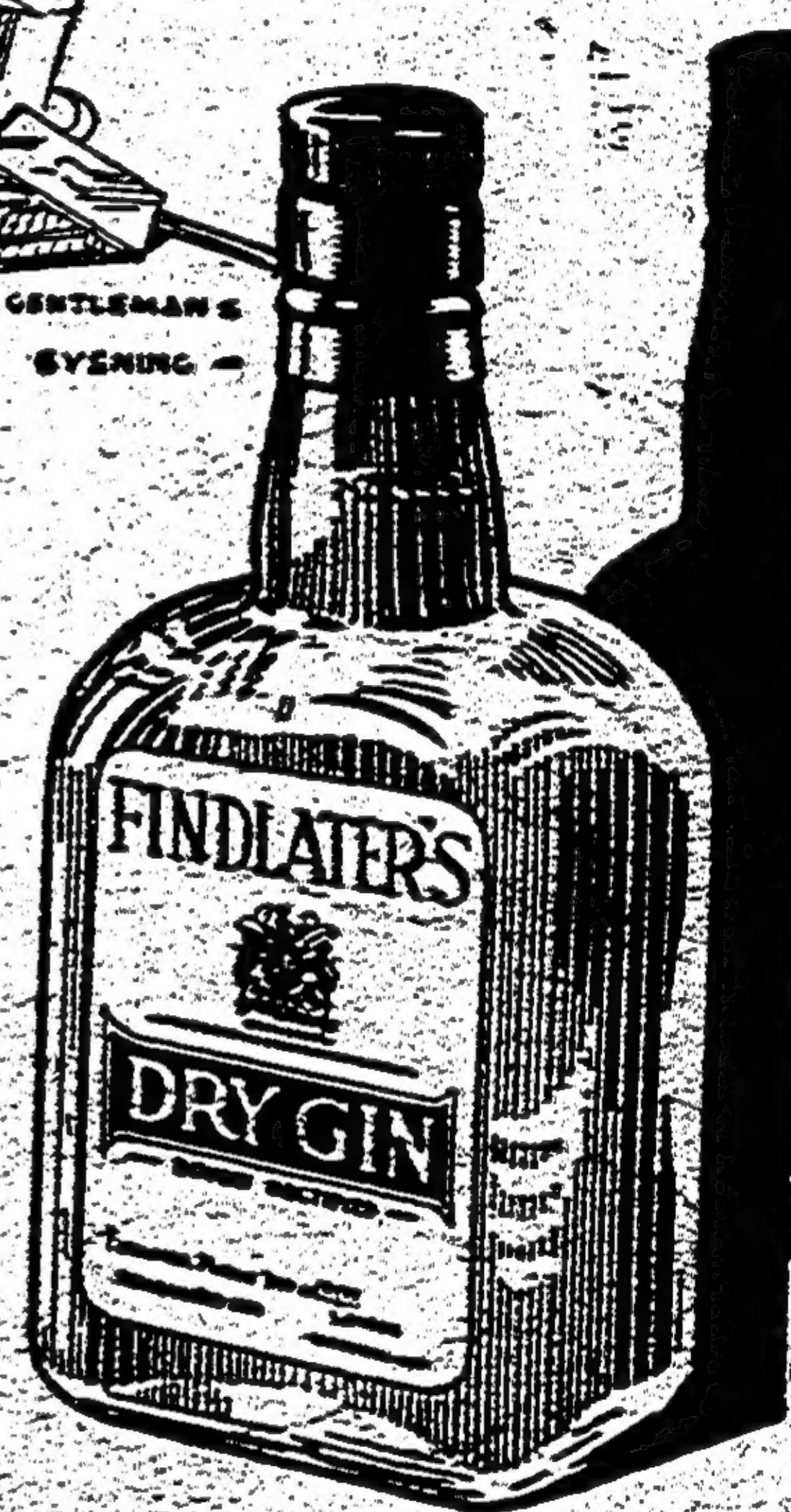
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#### WINGERS NEEDED

C. T. Bloxham remains to consolidate the back row, and he needs two wingers of skill and forcing power as successors to Hughes and Cooper. Here again there are a number of good men among whom are R. J. Pollok-Morris (Harrow), P. K. Mayhew (Haileybury), P. Carrel (Blundell's), S. Pether (Magdalen Coll. School), J. E. Barratt (Felsted, Isle of Wight), D. H. Macindoe (Eton), the cricketer Blue, R. O. Swayne (Bromsgrove), M. R. Mullins and A. G. M. Morrison, two more South Africans.

The fixture list is much the same as usual, but it is pleasant to find that new ground is being broken, when at the end of the season Oxford visit Sale, Birkenhead Park Tuesday, December 7.

## KOWLOON G.C. QUALIFYING ROUND DRAW

Pairings For Next Sunday

The following is the draw for the Qualifying Round for the Kowloon Golf Club championship, to be held over the Kowloon City Course on November 7:-  
 9.00 a.m.—E. O. Murphy, W. C. Simpson  
 9.05 a.m.—J. D. Johnson, C. G. Anderson  
 9.10 a.m.—J. F. Smedley, A. J. Dennis  
 9.15 a.m.—W. Taylor, A. W. da Roza  
 9.20 a.m.—R. E. Collings, A. A. Lopes  
 9.25 a.m.—S. Jex, F. E. Remedios  
 9.30 a.m.—W. Groves, E. D. da Roza  
 9.35 a.m.—W. A. Stewart, E. Christensen  
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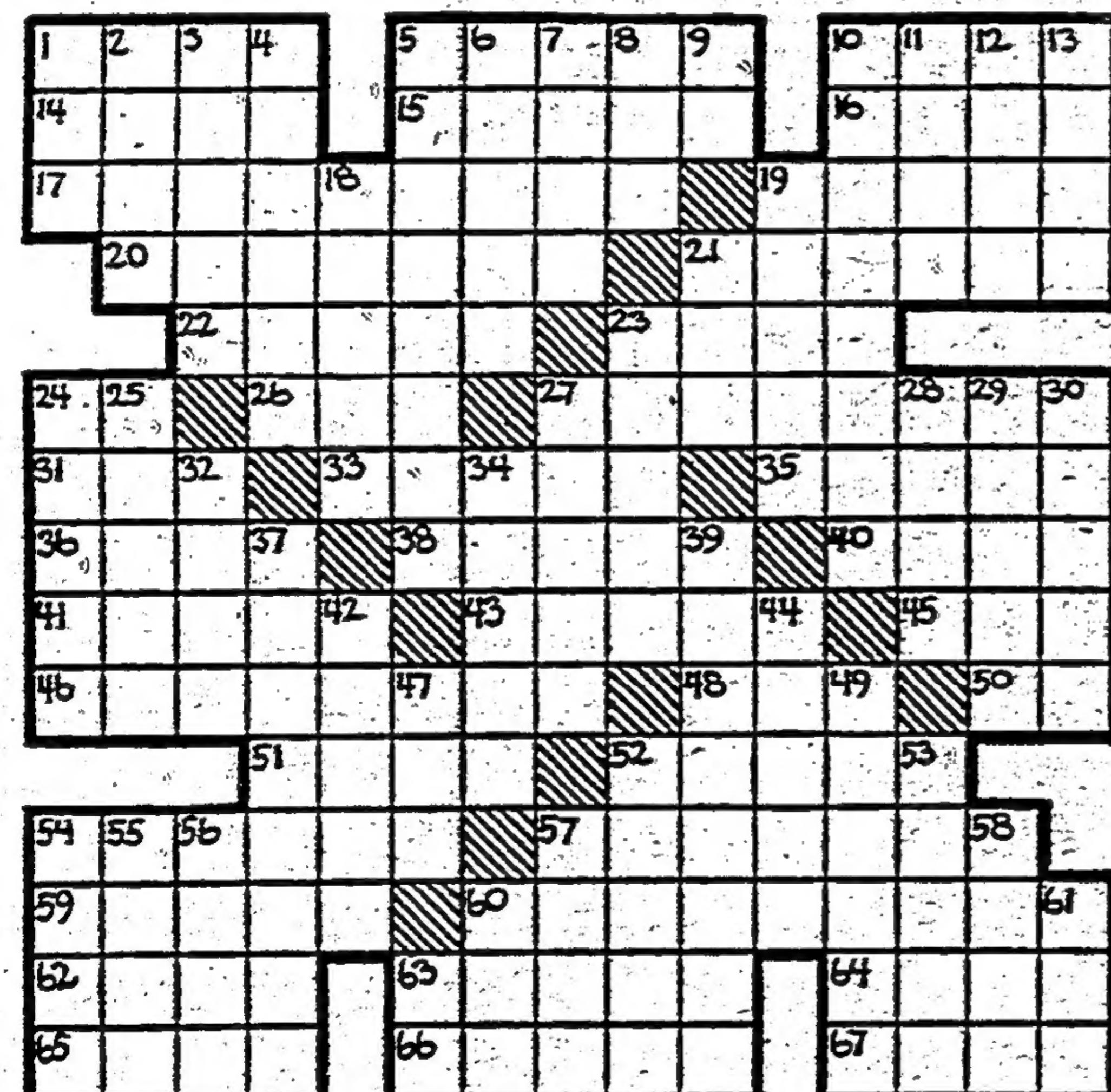
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### DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



#### HORIZONTAL

- 1-A defensive work
- 5-Drill
- 10-Furnished with shoes
- 14-Affirm
- 15-Checks
- 16-Assume an attitude
- 17-Disclaim
- 19-Framework of slate
- 20-Accounts
- 21-Venerated
- 22-A steep natural bank
- 23-Numerous
- 24-Member of Parliament (abbr.)
- 25-Seminary (abbr.)
- 27-Openwork of wood or metal (pl.)
- 31-Equip
- 33-A bristle (surg.)
- 35-Sleep noisily
- 36-Falstaff
- 38-A title (Sp.)
- 40-Raise by cultivation
- 41-Land measure (pl.)
- 43-A heron
- 45-A compass point (abbr.)
- 46-Recover
- 48-To tire out
- 50-Suffix to form past tense
- 51-Grows old
- 52-Roman historian
- 54-Gold coin of ancient Persia

#### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 57-Continued stories
- 59-City in France
- 60-The act of forsaking
- 62-Therefore
- 63-Combining form.
- 64-English school
- 65-The raccoon
- 66-Lock of hair
- 67-Serf

#### VERTICAL

- 1-Distant
- 2-Once again
- 3-Repulse
- 4-Temporary cessation
- 5-Ancient oared warship (pl.)
- 6-An English novelist
- 7-Small river islands
- 8-Feminine suffix
- 9-A province of Canada (abbr.)
- 10-Dispensing liquid in fine drops
- 11-White with age
- 12-Combining form.
- 13-Act
- 18-A pigeon (pl.)
- 19-A coin (pl.)
- 20-Obose
- 23-The cheek-bone
- 25-Cost
- 27-Has an eager craving for
- 28-Heart of anything gnawed
- 29-Appearing as if gnawed
- 30-Mendicant
- 32-Residue from wine-making
- 34-Abounds
- 37-Kinsman
- 39-Arbitrators
- 42-Wise man
- 44-Large South American mammal
- 47-Termination of nouns of vocation
- 49-A pointed beard
- 52-Bird homes
- 53-Splashes
- 54-Special (abbr.)
- 55-Edible root of the arum family
- 56-Jason's ship (Gr. Myth.)
- 57-Wither
- 58-Shortly
- 60-June-bug
- 61-A compass point (abbr.)
- 63-A liquid measure (abbr.)

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The solution of the above will a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

## HOSTILITIES RESUMED ON SHANSI FRONTS

Tientsin, 1.12 p.m. To-day.

Japanese military headquarters issued a statement this afternoon, claiming further success in the arrival of strong reinforce-operations in East Shansi, following ments.

The statement declares that the Osaki Brigade which had arrived through the Ningtzeckwan Pass only a few hours earlier, took the principal role in the attack on Suyang and that the town was captured early this morning.

According to this report, the Japanese offensive in East Shansi has now reached a point about 45 miles from Taiyuanfu.

Heavy fighting is, however, still proceeding.

### HSINKOW CLAIM

In North Shansi, the Japanese claim to have captured Hsinkow which has resisted their attacks for more than a week.

A general offensive was launched at eleven p.m. last night and Hsinkow was entered at 2 a.m. to-day.

The Chinese main army had already withdrawn to strongly prepared positions and there are now 150,000 men occupying a front line of 60 miles, some two miles from Hsinkow.

The Japanese are at present consolidating after the battle of

## THREAT TO BLOCKADE HONG KONG

Brussels, To-day.

A threat to extend the blockade of the China Coast so as to include Hong Kong was made by the Japanese Ambassador in Brussels yesterday, in reference to the Brussels Conference.

The Ambassador declared that Japan's refusal to attend was final and he added if the Powers decided upon a policy of economic sanctions, "foreign privileges" in China would cease and the blockade would be extended.

Hong Kong was not specifically mentioned by the Ambassador but the nature of his comments left no doubt of his meaning.—Trans-Ocean.

(See Page Eleven).

## LA GUARDIA SURE OF RETURN

New York, To-day.

Early municipal election returns indicate that New York's anti-vice Mayor LaGuardia is certain of re-election.—Reuter.

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## FAIR WEATHER

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan; another is probably developing over N. China.

Local forecast: — N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

## DEATH

SHEWAN — At the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, on 3rd November, 1937, E. A. Shewan, of North Point Bungalow, beloved wife of William Shewan (deceased). Funeral will pass the Monument at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

## NEWS FLASHES

Tone languages such as Chinese, Japanese and Burmese cannot be whispered because their inflections are almost as important as their articulation. ROYAL "Deluxe" Portables are being used by Chinese and Japanese to transcribe whispers for them as silent as the stillness of the moon.